



The Mythopoeic Society

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Winners announced for the Mythopoeic Society Awards



2023 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature

Sacha Lamb, *When the Angels Left the Old Country* (Levine Querido, 2022)

2023 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature

Kelly Barnhill, *The Ogress and the Orphans* (Algonquin Young Readers, 2022)

2023 Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies

Paul S. Fiddes, *Charles Williams and C.S. Lewis: Friends in Co-inherence* (Oxford UP, 2021)

2023 Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies

Brian Attebery, *Fantasy: How It Works* (Oxford UP, 2022)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2023 that best exemplifies the spirit of the Inklings. Books are eligible for two years after publication if not selected as a finalist during the first year of eligibility. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series becomes eligible the year its final volume appears. The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature honors books for beginning readers to age thirteen, in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Rules for eligibility are otherwise the same as for the Adult literature award. The question of which award a borderline book is best suited for will be decided by consensus of the committees.

The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies is given to books on Tolkien, Lewis, and/or Williams that make significant contributions to Inklings scholarship. For this award, books first published during the last three years (2000–2023) are eligible, including finalists for previous years. The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies is given to scholarly books on other specific authors in the Inklings tradition, or to more general works on the genres of myth and fantasy. The period of eligibility is three years, as for the Inklings Studies award.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at our Online Midsummer Seminar 2023, "Fantasy Goes to Hell," which runs August 5-6, 2023, on Zoom and Discord. A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site: <http://www.mythsoc.org/awards/>. The finalists for the literature awards, text of recent acceptance speeches, and selected book reviews are also listed in this on-line section. For more information about the Mythopoeic Awards, please contact the Awards Administrator: Dennis Wise, awards@mythsoc.org.