



## The Mythopoeic Society

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### 2024 Short List for Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature

Katherine Arden, *The Warm Hands of Ghosts* (Del Rey, 2024)  
Yangsze Choo, *The Fox Wife* (Henry Holt & Co., 2024)  
Minsoo Kang, *The Melancholy of Untold History* (William Morrow, 2024)  
Deborah K. Vleck, *The Society of Guenevere* (FTL Publications, 2024)  
Nghi Vo, *The City in Glass* (Tordotcom, 2024)

### 2024 Short List for Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Young Adult Literature

Anna Bright, *The Hedge Witch of Foxhall* (HarperCollins, 2024)  
Amie Kaufman, **The Isles of the Gods** duology (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2023-2024)  
Darcie Little Badger, *Sheine Lende* (Levine Querido, 2024)  
Kelly Murashige, *The Lost Souls of Benzaiten* (Soho Teen, 2024)  
A. B. Poranek, *Where the Dark Stands Still* (McElderry Books, 2024)

### 2024 Short List for Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature

Frances Hardinge and Emily Gravett, *Island of Whispers* (Harry N. Abrams, 2024)  
Rajani LaRocca, *Sona and the Golden Beasts* (Quill Tree Books, 2024)  
Kaela Rivera, **The Cece Rios** trilogy (HarperCollins, 2021-2024)  
David Alexander Robertson, **The Misewa Saga** (Tundra Books, 2021-2024)  
Lisa Stringfellow, *Kingdom of Dust* (Quill Tree Books, 2024)

### 2024 Short List for Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies

Anahit Behrooz, *Mapping Middle-earth: Environmental and Political Narratives in J.R.R. Tolkien's Cartographies* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2024)  
Annie Brust, *Tolkien's Transformative Women: Art in Triptych* (Vernon Press, 2024)  
Christina Scull and Wayne G. Hammond, editors, *The Collected Poems of J.R.R. Tolkien*, by J.R.R. Tolkien (William Morrow, 2024; 3 vols.).  
Robert Stuart, *Tolkien, Race, and Racism in Middle-earth* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022)  
Hamish Williams, *J.R.R. Tolkien's Utopianism and the Classics* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2023)

### 2024 Short List for Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies

Stefan Ekman, *Urban Fantasy: Exploring Modernity through Magic* (Lever Press, 2024)  
Sophus Helle, editor, *Enheduanna: The Complete Poems of the World's First Author* (Yale University Press, 2023)  
Matthew Oliver, *Magic Words, Magic Worlds: Form and Style in Epic Fantasy* (McFarland, 2022)  
Dennis Wilson Wise, editor, *Speculative Poetry and the Modern Alliterative Revival: A Critical Anthology* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2023)  
Jack Zipes, *Buried Treasures: The Power of Political Fairy Tales* (Princeton University Press, 2023)

The **Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature** is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2023-2024 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 Young Adult Literature** honors books for Young Adult readers (ages

13-18), and the **Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature** honors books for younger readers (ages 12 or younger). Rules for eligibility are otherwise the same as for the Adult literature award. The category of borderline books will be determined by their intended audience as named by the publisher and author.

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 (2022–2024) 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 OMS 4: Online Midsummer Seminar 2025, "More Perilous and Fair: Women and Gender in Mythopoeic Fantasy." A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site: [www.mythsoc.org/awards.htm](http://www.mythsoc.org/awards.htm). 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](mailto:awards@mythsoc.org).