

Press Release

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2013 LONDON BOOK FESTIVAL AWARDS

*Bay Area Travel Writers Land International Anthology Prize In This Competition
"Honoring the Best in International Publishing"*

The winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions for the 2013 London Book Festival have been announced.

Wandering in Paris: Luminaries and Love in the City of Light, edited by Bay Area poet, novelist and travel writer, Linda Watanabe McFerrin (www.lwmcferrin.com) and Bay Area author and journalist, Joanna Biggar (www.joannabiggarr.org), took top honors in the anthologies and collections category. The collection, which includes a foreword by noted Paris-based author and travel writer, David Downie and the work of talented known Bay Area writers, is the third in a series from the Wanderland Writers workshops (www.wanderlandwriters.com), which have produced collections of essays on Costa Rica and Bali.

Phil Cousineau, author of *The Art of Pilgrimage* and *The Book of Roads*, has this to say about the anthology:

"Wandering in Paris is not only one of my favorite things to do in the world, it is also the title of this marvelous new collection of stories and poems. As you read through them, don't be surprised if you hear the voice of Edith Piaf herself as she sings, '*C'est merveilleux.*' 'It's marvelous.' So is this transportive book."

The awards ceremony honoring the best of international publishing will take place on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the British Library, 96 Euston Rd, London NW1 2DB, United Kingdom, +44 843 208 1144 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

If you would like to purchase tickets for yourself, your spouse, friends, relatives and/or business associates, you MUST fill out the appropriate form and return it via fax (323-372-3883) by January 6, 2014. You can let the planners know if you are interested in attending by sending a note to LondonBookFestival@sbcglobal.net with "Ticket Form" in the subject line. Tickets are \$115 per person and each attendee must have a ticket. This is an absolute deadline and no tickets will be available at the door.

Editors Linda Watanabe McFerrin and Joanna Biggar also led the workshops that gave rise to the entire Venturing series of books published and distributed by Travelers' Tales.

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