The Mythopoeic Society
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2022 Mythopoeic Award Finalists

**Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature**
Katherine Addison, *The Witness for the Dead* (Tor, 2021)
Ryka Aoki, *Light from Uncommon Stars* (Tor Books, 2021)
Susanna Clarke, *Piranesi* (Bloomsbury, 2020)
Jo Walton, *Or What You Will* (Tor 2020)

**Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children’s Literature**
Sayantani DasGupta, *The Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond trilogy* (Scholastic, 2018–2020)
Lori M. Lee, *Pahua and the Soul Stealer* (Rick Riordan Presents, 2021)

**Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies**
Peter Grybauskas, *A Sense of Tales Untold: Exploring the Edges of Tolkien’s Literary Canvas* (Kent State UP, 2021)
Holly Ordway, *Tolkien’s Modern Reading: Middle-earth Beyond the Middle Ages* (Word on Fire Academic, 2021)

**Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies**
Joseph Rex Young, *George R. R. Martin and the Fantasy Form* (Routledge, 2019)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2021 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. Books for mature “Young Adults” may be moved to the Adult literature category.

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 (2019–2021) 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 during Mythcon 52, to be held July 29th through August 1st, 2022, at Albuquerque, NM. A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site: [http://www.mythsoc.org/awards/](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.