



Virginia Author Kristy Tallman's debut novel *The All-Soul's Faire* is Nominated for the 2007 Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards

Tallman's psychological thriller/horror novel *The All-Soul's Faire* released appropriately on October 31, 2006 has been added to the list of nominees for the 2007 Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards sponsored by The Library of Virginia and the Library of Virginia Foundation.

These awards honor outstanding Virginia authors and books about Virginia in the areas of fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Categories *The All-Soul's Faire* fall within easily. Tallman, a Virginia native who still makes her home in Chester, Virginia authored a fiction novel based in the Alleghany Mountains, more specifically Alleghany County Virginia.

The 2007 finalists will be honored and the winners announced at the 10th Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors and Friends, to be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007. This gala event attracts authors, publishers, and those who enjoy the written word and is a chance to rub elbows with promising new writers and literary legends. Finalists will be announced by August 1, 2007.

The awards will be closely tied to the James River Writer's fifth conference, to be held September 28-29, 2007, at the Library. James River Writers, in partnership with the Library of Virginia, will also present the 4th Annual People's Choice Award at the 2006 Celebration. The winners of this award will be chosen from nominated works in non-fiction and fiction by readers voting at libraries, bookstores, and online.

This nomination comes on the heels of Tallman placing in the top ten winners of the Predators & Editors Awards sponsored by Critters.org. Tallman placed in the top ten awards categories of Cover Art and Horror Fiction Authors while placing in the top 20 for overall Authors of all genres.

Critters is an on-line workshop/critique group for serious writers of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror. You get your work critiqued in exchange for critiquing the work of others, both of which are invaluable ways to improve your writing. Dr. Andrew Burt, former vice-president of Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. and his army of software minions, runs it. Critters.org has been recognized in Salon Magazine and by Writers Digest Books as a "well run and quite stable" venue for writers.

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