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## Writer's Eye 2023 | Award Winners

*The Fralin is excited to announce the winning selections for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer's Eye competition. Please join us in congratulating these writers on their exceptional work. Thank you to all who participated in Writer's Eye 2023 and to all who help make this program possible!*

### Elementary School Grades 3–5

#### Poetry

Matteo Braakman, *Drowning Burning Hope*  
Camden Dunn, *Wind with Water*  
Connor Dunn, *Alphabet I, II, and III*  
Alex Glowacki, *The Fortress of Colors*  
Ella Rothwell, *The Abandoned School*

St. Anne's-Belfield School  
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Virginia L. Murray Elementary School  
Stone Robinson Elementary School

#### Prose

Eva Greene, *The Old Mill*  
Zoe Kavanaugh,  
*A Right Worth Nothing but When Taken, Takes Everything*  
Mara Klemmer, *Paint Spill*  
Jack McCown, *Liberty's Blood*  
Cora McLellan, *The Story of a Hammer*

St. Anne's-Belfield School  
Village School  
St. Anne's-Belfield School  
Brownsville Elementary School  
Virginia L. Murray Elementary School

### Middle School Grades 6–8

#### Poetry

Ava Berry, *The Struggle*  
Jack Brand, *Moving On*  
Liam Carpenter, *Static Radiation*  
Katya Copeland, *Deceitful Colors*  
Eleanor Keevil, *Girlhood*

Nelson Middle School  
Grymes Memorial School  
Grymes Memorial School  
Charlottesville Waldorf School  
Village School

#### Prose

Sommer Gibbons, *Eye of the Storm*  
Dorian Jones, *Found Only to Lose*  
Elora Sipe, *Double Vision*  
Jada Smith, *Thunderstorm*  
Leland Truslow, *Like Mother, Like Daughter*

Leslie H. Walton Middle School  
Prospect Heights Middle School  
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Leslie H. Walton Middle School  
Village School



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## High School Grades 9–12

### Poetry

Alexandra Belter, *In The Event That My Afterlife is My Own*  
Ika Gottlieb, *To Live Forever*  
Lileana “Star” Lewis, *Domicide: 4,008*  
Adam Rowe, *A Painting of Oil in Water*  
Eden Simpson, *Nostalgia*

Appomattox Regional Governor’s School  
Western Albemarle High School  
Appomattox Regional Governor’s School  
Appomattox Regional Governor’s School  
Western Albemarle High School

### Prose

Zachary Akyeampong, *Cut of a King*  
Charlie Gillespie, *True Story*  
Gabriella Gonzalez, *My Little Alien Baby*  
Charles Horner, *The Vanishing Point*  
Brennan Smith, *Hung on by a Thread*

Woodberry Forest  
Woodberry Forest  
Albemarle High School  
Woodberry Forest  
Woodberry Forest

## University/Adult

*Prizes in this category were generously provided by Jane Hebllich and Isabel Hebllich Zermani in Memory of their mother, Mariflo Stephens, an author and previous judge of Writer’s Eye.*

### Poetry

Brenna Courtney, *Traveler*  
Cy March, *Water Tension Breaker*  
Connor Smith, *Heavy Portrait*  
Erin Newton Wells, *Dream House*  
Grace Whitaker, *before*

University of Virginia  
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University of Virginia

### Prose

Ella Dailey, *Eggs, Over-Easy*  
Julia Hyde, *Anaerobic Exercise*  
Gary Kessler, *African Whispers*

University of Virginia