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Local Author Wins “In the Margins” Book Award, second year in a row

Last year, PD. Workman placed on the 2015 In the Margins Top Ten Best Books for Teens award for *Ruby, Between the Cracks*, the story of a tough-as-nails teen, Ruby Simpson, who is running from her past.

This year, Workman was thrilled to be notified that she had not only placed on the Top Ten list this year, but that she was being awarded first place for best fiction of 2016 for Tattooed Teardrops. Isabella Modra says that Tattooed Teardrops is “A realistic and beautiful story filled with suspense, heart-breaking friendship and loyalty that will keep you reading until the very end.”

In the Margins Book Award and Selection Committee, (ITM) a committee under the umbrella of Library Services for Youth in Custody (LYSC) agrees! For the second year in a row, Calgarian P.D. Workman’s work has been selected as validating, illuminating, and humanizing teens who have been marginalized by society.

ITM’s goal is to find the best books for teens living in poverty, on the streets, in custody - or a cycle of all three.  They identify quality, age-appropriate resources for librarians and library workers to share with the teens in urban, lockdown, homeless shelters and other non-traditional venues for teens living in the margins.

"This is our third year of highlighting self and small press published books that validate, illuminate and humanize those living in the margins. We bring true diversity to bookshelves and libraries by reading, reviewing, debating, soliciting teen feedback and awarding honors for these titles," says the Committee. "The majority of our list may be unknown to you or have gotten little attention in traditional reviews, but are hits with our teens. This is a statement for the need for more of us to look for and highlight diverse books."

P.D. Workman has become ‘a household name’ at some of the facilities represented by the ITM as she continues to produce hard-hitting but sensitive books that speak to teens and adults alike. “It’s really exciting to have my work recognized like this,” Workman said. “I really appreciate the ITM for all of the work that they do in promoting literacy and curating books for youth in custody. I want these kids to know that they’re not forgotten or worthless. My heart goes out to them.”

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Tattooed Teardrops is available in hardcover ISBN 9781926500409 or softcover 9780993768750 or 9781926500294 and is available on Kindle, iBooks, Google Play, and Nook.

“I don’t plan on getting in any trouble.”

Tamara had thought that when she got out of juvie, things would be easier. But before long, it seems like her life is spiraling into chaos.

If she can’t prove to her probation officer that she is innocent of the allegations against her, she’s going back to prison, and Tamara just can’t let that happen.

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