

2021 Aurora Awards, Nominees, and Statistics for professional works and fan achievements done in 2020

The awards went to:

Best Novel: **Mexican Gothic**, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Random House Publishing Group

Best YA Novel: **Flights of Marigold**, Susan Forest, Laksa Media Groups Inc.

Best Novelette/Novella: "**Tool Use by the Humans of Danzhai County**", Derek Künsken, Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine, July/Aug

Best Short Story: "**All Cats Go to Valhalla**", Chadwick Ginther, Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas, Tyche Books

Best Graphic Novel: **It Never Rains**, Kari Maaren, webcomic

Best Poem/Song: "**Nidhog**", Jo Walton, The Book of Dragons, Harper Voyager

Best Related Work: **On Spec Magazine**, Diane L. Walton, Managing Editor, The Copper Pig Writers Society

Best Visual Presentation: **The Umbrella Academy**, Steve Blackman, Netflix

Best Artist: **Samantha M. Beiko**, cover for Flights of the Marigold, Laska Media Group

Best Fan Writing and Publication: **Polar Borealis**, Issues #13 to #16, edited by R. Graeme Cameron

Best Fan Related Work: **When Words Collide**, Randy McCharles, chair, online festival

Note 1: Ties during a round are broken based on which finalist would move forward with a higher vote. This does not include if a tie is reached with the remaining two nominees.

Note 2: First place is determined when a finalist exceeds 50% of the votes or two finalists each reach 50%.

Note 3: The No Award Test makes sure that the first place nominee has more votes against just the No Award option.

Note 4: A total of 189 CSFFA members submitted ballots

Note 5: The following list contain the numbers of ballots cast in each category

Note 6: Best Fan Organizational was combined into Best Fan Related Work for this year because of there were limited number of events in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Best Novel (153 ballots)

Best YA Novel (122 ballots)

Best Novelette/Novella (112 ballots)

Best Short Story (153 ballots)

Best Graphic Novel/Comic (100 ballots)

Best Poem/Song (100 ballots)

Best Related Work (132 ballots)

Best Visual Presentation (117 ballots)

Best Artist (123 ballots)

Best Fan Writing and Publication (100 ballots)

Best Fan Related Work (131 ballots)

Voting by Province

Note 1: There were 462 members for 2021 by the end of voting. There were 189 members who voted.

Note 2: There were 4 votes from Canadians living outside of Canada.

Province	Votes	Percent
Alberta	72	38.1%
BC	25	13.2%
Manitoba	6	3.2%
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	0.5%

NWT	1	0.5%
Nova Scotia	2	1.1%
Ontario	72	38.1%
Quebec	4	2.1%
Saskatchewan	2	1.1%

Note: Statistics for voting have only been calculated to show first, second and third places. In the case of a tie only the top two levels will be calculated.

Best Novel (153 ballots)

First Place

Mexican Gothic, Silvia Moreno-Garcia	46	46	52	54	77
The Oppenheimer Alternative, Robert J. Sawyer	35	36	39	50	55
Beneath the Rising, Premee Mohamed	36	36	39	40	
A Connecticut Gumshoe in King Arthur's Court, Randy McCharles	20	20	20		
A Stitch in Time, Kelley Armstrong, KLA Fricke	15	15			
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	0	3	9	21

No Award Test: 99 ballots ranked **Mexican Gothic** higher than **No Award**
 2 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Mexican Gothic**
Mexican is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

Beneath the Rising, Premee Mohamed	55	55	56	67
The Oppenheimer Alternative, Robert J. Sawyer	42	43	54	64
A Stitch in Time, Kelley Armstrong, KLA Fricke	27	27	30	
A Connecticut Gumshoe in King Arthur's Court, Randy McCharles	22	22		
No Award	1			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	0	7	16

Third Place

The Oppenheimer Alternative, Robert J. Sawyer	49	50	62
A Stitch in Time, Kelley Armstrong, KLA Fricke	49	49	56
A Connecticut Gumshoe in King Arthur's Court, Randy McCharles	27	27	
No Award	3		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	10

Best Young Adult (YA) Novel (122 ballots)

First Place

Flights of Marigold, Susan Forest	42	42	42	47	55
The Gryphon's Lair, Kelley Armstrong	36	36	36	37	45
Hollow, Rhonda Parrish	23	23	23	25	
Wall of Wishes, Suzy Vadori	13	13	16		
Return to Atlantis, J.M. Dover	6	6			
No Award	2				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	5	13	22

No Award Test: 82 ballots ranked **Flights of Marigold** higher than **No Award**

3 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Flights of Marigold**

Flights of Marigold is confirmed as one of the winners

Second Place

The Gryphon's Lair, Kelley Armstrong	46	46	47	56
Hollow, Rhonda Parrish	28	28	28	37
Wall of Wishes, Suzy Vadori	22	22	28	
Return to Atlantis, J.M. Dover	10	10		
No Award	2			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	5	15

Third Place

Hollow, Rhonda Parrish	51	51	54
Wall of Wishes, Suzy Vadori	28	28	34
Return to Atlantis, J.M. Dover	13	13	
No Award	4		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		4	8

Best Novella/Novelette (112 ballots)

First Place

"Tool Use by the Humans of Danzhai County", Derek Künsken	32	32	35	37	42	50
"The Immolation of Kev Magee", L.X. Beckett	19	19	21	24	30	44
"To Sail the Black", A.C. Wise	22	22	23	25	29	
"An Important Failure", Rebecca Campbell	15	15	15	19		
"Go Fish", Ian Rogers	12	12	12			
"How Quini the Squid Misplaced His Klobučar", Rich Larson	10	10				
No Award	2	0	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	6	7	11	18

No Award Test: 86 ballots ranked **"Tool Use by the Humans of Danzhai County"** higher than **No Award**
 4 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **"Tool Use by the Humans of Danzhai County"**
"Tool Use by the Humans of Danzhai County" is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

"The Immolation of Kev Magee", L.X. Beckett	25	25	29	35	46
"To Sail the Black", A.C. Wise	28	28	31	33	42
"How Quini the Squid Misplaced His Klobučar", Rich Larson	17	17	20	27	
"An Important Failure", Rebecca Campbell	16	16	19		
"Go Fish", Ian Rogers	14	14			
No Award	2				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	3	7	14

Third Place

"To Sail the Black", A.C. Wise	39	39	44	55
"How Quini the Squid Misplaced His Klobučar", Rich Larson	22	22	28	37
"Go Fish", Ian Rogers	20	20	23	
"An Important Failure", Rebecca Campbell	18	18		
No Award	3			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		31	7	10

Best Short Story (153 ballots)

First Place

" <i>All Cats Go to Valhalla</i> ", Chadwick Ginther	33	33	37	48	67
" <i>Grass Gods</i> ", Elizabeth Whitton	39	39	49	53	58
" <i>The Bone-Stag Walks</i> ", KT Bryski	38	38	38	39	
" <i>Night Folk</i> ", Barb Galler-Smith	22	22	25		
" <i>Breathe</i> ", Calvin D. Jim	20	20			
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	3	13	28

No Award Test: 96 ballots ranked "**All Cats Go to Valhalla**" higher than **No Award**
 1 ballot ranked **No Award** higher than "**All Cats Go to Valhalla**"
"All Cats Go to Valhalla" is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

" <i>Grass Gods</i> ", Elizabeth Whitton	46	46	58	73
" <i>The Bone-Stag Walks</i> ", KT Bryski	45	45	45	50
" <i>Night Folk</i> ", Barb Galler-Smith	30	30	35	
" <i>Breathe</i> ", Calvin D. Jim	21	21		
No Award	2			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	6	21

Third Place

" <i>The Bone-Stag Walks</i> ", KT Bryski	50	50	58
" <i>Night Folk</i> ", Barb Galler-Smith	41	41	52
" <i>Breathe</i> ", Calvin D. Jim	30	30	
No Award	2		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	13

Best Graphic Novel (84 ballots)

First Place

It Never Rains by Kari Maaren	25	25	26	26	28	37
Krampus is My Boyfriend!, S.M. Beiko	19	19	19	22	27	33
Northwest Resistance, Katherena Vermette	18	18	19	19	23	
Gothic Tales of Haunted Futures, edited by S.M. Beiko	12	12	14	14		
Goblins, Ellipsis Hana Stephens	13	13	13			
Crash and Burn, Kate Larking and Finn Lucullan	12	12				
No Award	1	0	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	9	19	22	30

No Award Test: 58 ballots ranked **It Never Rains** higher than **No Award**

2 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **It Never Rains**

It Never Rains is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

Krampus is My Boyfriend!, S.M. Beiko	28	28	28	32	41
Northwest Resistance, Katherena Vermette	19	19	21	21	28
Gothic Tales of Haunted Futures, edited by S.M. Beiko	18	18	20	21	
Goblins, Ellipsis Hana Stephens	14	14	15		
Crash and Burn, Kate Larking and Finn Lucullan	14	14			
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	1	10	20	25

Third Place

Gothic Tales of Haunted Futures, edited by S.M. Beiko	27	27	29	34
Northwest Resistance, Katherena Vermette	24	24	25	28
Crash and Burn, Kate Larking and Finn Lucullan	16	16	17	
Goblins, Ellipsis Hana Stephens	15	15		
No Award	2			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	13	22

Best Poem/Song (100 ballots)

First Place

" <i>Nidhog</i> ", Jo Walton	16	16	16	16	18	23	28	36
" <i>Masquerade</i> ", Colleen Anderson	13	13	13	16	19	20	24	32
" <i>Arachnoid Cyst</i> ", Dominik Parisien	13	13	15	15	16	19	21	
" <i>he scores</i> ", Beth Cato and Rhonda Parrish	12	12	14	15	15	17		
" <i>The Death of the Gods</i> ", Leah Bobet	13	13	14	14	14			
" <i>Electra</i> ", Y.M. Pang	11	11	12	12				
" <i>Back Story</i> ", David Clink	11	11	11					
" <i>Hamilton Harbour</i> ", Lynne Sargent	9	9						
No Award	2							
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	5	12	18	21	27	32

No Award Test 1: 59 ballots ranked **Nidhog** is higher than **No Award**

2 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Nidhog**

Nidhog is confirmed as the co-winner

Second Place

" <i>Masquerade</i> ", Colleen Anderson	16	16	17	21	25	30	37	
" <i>Arachnoid Cyst</i> ", Dominik Parisien	14	14	16	17	20	22	28	
" <i>The Death of the Gods</i> ", Leah Bobet	17	17	18	18	18	21		
" <i>he scores</i> ", Beth Cato and Rhonda Parrish	13	13	16	16	17			
" <i>Back Story</i> ", David Clink	15	15	15	15				
" <i>Electra</i> ", Y.M. Pang	11	11	12					
" <i>Hamilton Harbour</i> ", Lynne Sargent	11	11						
No Award	2							
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	5	12	19	26	34	

Third Place

" <i>The Death of the Gods</i> ", Leah Bobet	19	19	19	22	29	38		
" <i>Back Story</i> ", David Clink	19	19	20	21	28	34		
" <i>he scores</i> ", Beth Cato and Rhonda Parrish	16	16	17	21	26			
" <i>Arachnoid Cyst</i> ", Dominik Parisien	16	16	17	20				
" <i>Hamilton Harbour</i> ", Lynne Sargent	13	13	14					
" <i>Electra</i> ", Y.M. Pang	12	12						
No Award	2							
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	10	13	14	25		

Best Related Work (132 ballots)

First Place

On Spec Magazine, The Copper Pig Writers Society	29	29	31	34	39	65
Prairie Gothic, edited by Stacey Kondla	28	28	33	35	41	45
Augur Magazine, Issues 3.1 and 3.2, Kerry C. Byrne Alexander De Pompa, and Lawrence Stewen	20	20	21	29	38	
Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space, Amanda Leduc	22	22	23	25		
PodCastle, edited by Jen R. Albert and Cherae Clark	19	19	19			
Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas, edited by Rhonda Parrish	14	14				
No Award	0					
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	5	9	14	22

No Award Test: 93 ballots ranked **On Spec Magazine** higher than **No Award**
 0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **On Spec Magazine**
On Spec Magazine is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

Prairie Gothic, edited by Stacey Kondla	33	33	39	43	51
Augur Magazine, Issues 3.1 and 3.2, Kerry C. Byrne Alexander De Pompa, and Lawrence Stewen	24	24	25	34	46
Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space, Amanda Leduc	25	25	27	30	
PodCastle, edited by Jen R. Albert and Cherae Clark	20	20	22		
Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas, edited by Rhonda Parrish	15	16			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	5	11	21

Third Place

Augur Magazine, Issues 3.1 and 3.2, Kerry C. Byrne Alexander De Pompa, and Lawrence Stewen	26	26	35	41
Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space, Amanda Leduc	28	28	32	40
Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas, edited by Rhonda Parrish	29	29	30	
PodCastle, edited by Jen R. Albert and Cherae Clark	21	21		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	7	23

Best Visual Presentation (117 ballots)

First Place

The Umbrella Academy, Steve Blackman	41	41	43	50	52
Trickster, episodes 1-6, Michelle Latimer and Tony Elliott	29	29	31	33	38
Murdoch Mysteries, Season 13, episodes 10-18, Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Peter Mitchell, Yannick Bisson, and H��l��ne	17	17	18	19	
Wynonna Earp, Season 4, episodes 1-6, Emily Andras	16	16	17		
Don't Text Back, Kaye Adelaide and Mariel Sharp	11	11			
No Award	3				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		3	8	15	27

No Award Test: 79 ballots ranked **The Umbrella Academy** higher than **No Award**

4 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **The Umbrella Academy**

The Umbrella Academy is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

Trickster, episodes 1-6, Michelle Latimer and Tony Elliott	38	38	41	45
Wynonna Earp, Season 4, episodes 1-6, Emily Andras	20	20	22	28
Murdoch Mysteries, Season 13, episodes 10-18, Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Peter Mitchell, Yannick Bisson, and H��l��ne	20	20	21	
Don't Text Back, Kaye Adelaide and Mariel Sharp	12	12		
No Award	4			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	4	10	21

Third Place

Wynonna Earp, Season 4, episodes 1-6, Emily Andras	31	31	36
Murdoch Mysteries, Season 13, episodes 10-18, Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Peter Mitchell, Yannick Bisson, and H��l��ne	28	28	29
Don't Text Back, Kaye Adelaide and Mariel Sharp	15	15	
No Award	5		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	5	14

Best Artist (123 ballots)

First Place

Samantha M. Beiko	29	29	32	40	56
Swati Chavda	32	32	36	43	51
Lorna Antoniazzi	21	21	26	30	
Dan O'Driscoll	21	21	24		
Maia Kondla-Wolf	20	20			
No Award	0	0	0		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	5	10	16

No Award Test: 83 ballots ranked **Samantha M. Beiko** higher than **No Award**

1 ballot ranked **No Award** higher than **Samantha M. Beiko**

Samantha M. Beiko is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

Swati Chavda	35	35	41	52
Maia Kondla-Wolf	24	24	31	41
Dan O'Driscoll	24	24	27	
Lorna Antoniazzi	23	23		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	7	13

Third

Lorna Antoniazzi	30	30	40
Dan O'Driscoll	31	31	38
Maia Kondla-Wolf	28	28	
No Award	0		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	11

Best Fan Writing and Publication (100 ballots)

First Place

Polar Borealis, Issues #13 to #16, R. Graeme Cameron	39	39	41	48	51	57
Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais	13	13	14	15	18	19
Random Musings, Issue #539 to #547 in BCSFAzine, Robert J. Sawyer	16	16	16	16	17	
Young People Read Old SFF, edited by James Davis Nicoll	13	13	13	14		
BCSFAzine, Issues #538 to #547, R. Graeme Cameron	11	11	12			
Clubhouse, weekly column in Amazing Stories Magazine, R. Graeme Cameron	7	7				
No Award	1					
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	4	7	14	24

No Award Test: 66 ballots ranked **Polar Borealis** higher than **No Award**
 3 ballot ranked **No Award** higher than **Polar Borealis**
Polar Borealis is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

BCSFAzine, Issues #538 to #547, R. Graeme Cameron	24	24	28	32	40
Random Musings, Issue #539 to #547 in BCSFAzine, Robert J. Sawyer	20	20	20	20	22
Young People Read Old SFF, edited by James Davis Nicoll	16	16	16	18	
Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais	15	15	16		
Clubhouse, weekly column in Amazing Stories Magazine, R. Graeme Cameron	11	11			
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	7	17	25

Third Place (TIE)

Random Musings, Issue #539 to #547 in BCSFAzine, Robert J. Sawyer	24	24	24	27
Young People Read Old SFF, edited by James Davis Nicoll	19	19	22	27
Clubhouse, weekly column in Amazing Stories Magazine, R. Graeme Cameron	18	18	20	
Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais	16	16		
No Award	1			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	1	12	24

Best Fan Related (131 ballots) – Note: Fan Organizational was combine with this category due to pandemic.

First Place

When Words Collide, Randy McCharles, chair	51	51	52	57	76
ephemera reading series, KT Bryski and Jen R. Albert	26	26	33	36	39
2020 Aurora Awards Ceremony, Mark Leslie Lefebvre and Liz Anderson	27	27	29	35	
Speculating Canada: Canadian Horror, Science Fiction, and Fantasy, Derek Newman-Stille	16	16	17		
AugurCon, Kerry C. Byrne and Terese Mason Pierre	11	11			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	0	3	16

No Award Test: 94 ballots ranked **When Words Collide**, higher than **No Award**

0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **When Words Collide**

When Words Collide is confirmed as the winner

Second Place

2020 Aurora Awards Ceremony, Mark Leslie Lefebvre and Liz Anderson	47	47	50	58
ephemera reading series, KT Bryski and Jen R. Albert	27	27	34	39
Speculating Canada: Canadian Horror, Science Fiction, and Fantasy, Derek Newman-Stille	20	20	21	
AugurCon, Kerry C. Byrne and Terese Mason Pierre	11	11		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	2	8

Third Place

ephemera reading series, KT Bryski and Jen R. Albert	29	29	43
Speculating Canada: Canadian Horror, Science Fiction, and Fantasy, Derek Newman-Stille	32	32	37
AugurCon, Kerry C. Byrne and Terese Mason Pierre	20	20	
No Award	0		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	1

Nominations: The following lists contain works that received at least 5 nominations. They have been sorted in rank order by the most nominations. Only items above the solid line separator may be referred to as “Aurora Nominees” or “Aurora Finalists”. Spelling and wording of nominees are based on the original eligibility lists.

Nominations by Province

Note 1: There were 4 nominations from Canadians living outside of Canada and with 265 people nominating..

Province	Nominators	Percent
BC	22	8.3
Alberta	99	37.4
Saskatchewan	6	2.3
Manitoba	6	2.3
Ontario	111	41.9
Quebec	10	3.8
Newfoundland	3	1.1
Nova Scotia	3	1.1
Prince Edward Is.	1	0.4

Best Novel

- 45 Mexican Gothic, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Random House Publishing Group
 31 The Oppenheimer Alternative, Robert J. Sawyer, Red Deer Press
 29 Beneath the Rising, Premea Mohamed, Solaris
 25 A Connecticut Gumshoe in King Arthur's Court, Randy McCharles, Tyche Books
 24 A Stitch in Time, Armstrong, Kelley, KLA Fricke
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- 21 The House of Styx, Derek Künsken, Solaris
 21 Mirage, Julie E. Czerneda, DAW Books
 21 Agency, William Gibson, Berkley Books
 20 A Diary in the Age of Water, Nina Munteanu, Inanna Publications
 19 The Nightshade Cabal, Chris Patrick Carolan, Parliament House Press
 19 Rebel, Krista D. Ball, self-published (Amazon)
 19 Dead Boy's Game and The Broken Vow, A. David Singh, Ancient Hound Books
 19 Midnight Bargain, C.L. Polk, Erewhon Books
 18 Hench, Natalie Zina Walschots, Harper Collins
 18 In Veritas, C.J. Lavigne, NeWest Press
 17 Attack Surface, Cory Doctorow, Tor Books
 16 The Children of Red Peak, Craig DiLouie, Orbit/Hachette
 14 Stormsong, C.L. Polk, Tor
 12 Blood State, Raluca Balasa, Renaissance Press
 11 ReV, Ashby, Madeline, Angry Robot
 11 The Residence, Andrew Pyper, Simon & Schuster
 11 Ink & Sigil, Kevin Hearne, Del Rey
 10 The Witch's Diary, Rebecca Brae, Tyche Books
 10 Corona Burning, Ryan T. McFadden, Bundoran Press Publishing House
 10 Or What You Will, Jo Walton, MacMillan
 8 Land-Water-Sky /Ndè-Ti-Yat'a, Kathà , Fernwood
 8 Anguish of the Sapiens Queen, Nancy Kilpatrick, Crossroad Press
 7 Girl Minus X, Anne Stone, Wolsak & Wynn
 7 Sailors & Spies, Jane Glatt, Tyche Books
 7 The Cypher, Matti McLean, Renaissance Press
 6 The Moonlit World, Edward Willett, DAW Books
 6 Gatekeeper's Key, Krista Wallace, Krista Wallace
 6 The Unavoidable Quests, John Haas, Renaissance
 6 The Fourth Vertex, Al Onia, Al Onia
 5 Flight of the Siren, Brendan Myers, Northwest Passage Books
 5 Chimera Code, Santos, Wayne, Solaris
 5 Always My Love, Lee F. Patrick, Javari Press

Best YA Novel

- 40 Flights of Marigold, Susan Forest, Laksa Media Groups Inc.
 36 Hollow, Rhonda Parrish, Tyche Books
 35 Wall of Wishes, Suzy Vadori, Old Vines Press
 28 The Gryphon's Lair, Kelley Armstrong, Puffin Canada
~~24 Wolf's Curse, Kelley Armstrong, KLA Fricke Inc. (Declined)~~
~~22 Dragon Assassin, Arthur Slade, Scholastic Canada (First published in 2019)~~
 17 Return to Atlantis, J.M. Dover, Evil Alter Ego Press
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- 14 A Case of Synchronicity, Eric Desmarais, Renaissance
 14 Wingtorn, Clare C. Marshall, Faery Ink Press
 11 Spirit Sight, Marie Powell, Wood Dragon Books
 10 Water Sight, Marie Powell, Wood Dragon Books
 9 Hunted by the Sky, Tanaz Bhathena, Penguin Teen
 9 The Barren Grounds, David A. Robertson, Puffin Canada
 8 Half a Soul, Olivia Atwater, Starwatch Press
 8 The Girl of Hawthorn and Glass, Adan Jerreat-Poole, Dundurn
 7 Hieroglyphs: The Celestial Conspiracies, Talhi Briones, Talhi Briones
 6 Magic Dark and Strange, Kelly Powell, Margaret K. McElderry Books
 5 Welcome to the Other London, Erynn Q, Brain Lag
 5 The Book of Sam, Rob Shapiro, Dundurn Press
 5 Underland, Colleen Nelson and Nancy Chappell-Pollack, Yellow Dog
 5 Lamia's Daughter, Shirley Meier, Huntress Press
 5 Ten Thousand Stitches, Olivia Atwater, Starwatch Press

Best Novelette/Novella

- 37 To Sail the Black, A.C. Wise, Clarkesworld
 27 The Joy in Wounding, Charlotte Ashley, the Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction
 27 Tool Use by the Humans of Danzhai County, Derek Künsken, Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine
 24 The Immolation of Kev Magee, L.X. Beckett, Clarkesworld
 21 An Important Failure, Rebecca Campbell, Clarkesworld
 21 How Quini the Squid Misplaced His Klobuar, Rich Larson, TOR.COM
 21 Go Fish, Ian Rogers, Tor.com
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- 19 Edgar Sullivan's Christmas Carol, E.C. Bell, Tyche Books
 19 One Hundred Tasks for Bones, Leah Bobet, The New Decameron Project
 18 Stowe Away, Mark Leslie, Stark Publishing
 17 Plum Tree, Paula Johanson, Doublejoy Books
 14 A Church in the Three Valleys, Marc Watson, Self-Published
 13 Trace & Solomon: Torrington, Sarah L. Johnson and Robert Bose, Seventh Terrace
 12 Zee, Su J Sokol, Bouton d'Or Acadie
 11 Descending To Eve, Al Onia, Emerging Worlds SF Magazine (Zealot Script)
 10 Kevin Was Bees, David F. Shultz, Andromeda Spaceways Magazine, Issue #78
 9 Recruit, Lee F. Patrick, Javari Press
 8 Point Zero, Eric Desmarais, JenEric Designs
 7 When Gods Sleep, Marco Cultrera, Hybrid Fiction
 7 Last Ship Out, Jake Elwood, Fantastic Adventures
 7 The Con, JD DeLuzio, Brain Lag
 6 Crossed Paths, Jane Glatt, Jane Glatt

- 6 A Question of Faith, Glynn Stewart, Faolan's Pen Publishing
- 6 Stone, Ho Che Anderson, NeoText
- 5 Starseed, Steve Passey (writing as Stephen Guy), The Seventh Terrace
- 5 Visitation Seeds, Ben Berman Ghan, 845 Press
- 5 Pulsar Race, Glynn Stewart, Faolan's Pen Publishing
- 5 Billy Ray's Small Appliance Rehabilitation, Geoffrey W. Cole, Reckoning #4
- 5 The Silence of the Sands, R.J. Hore, Champagne Books

Best Short Story

- 43 Grass Gods, Elizabeth Whitton, Prairie Gothic: An Anthology (Prairie Soul Press)
- 17 All Cats Go to Valhalla, Chadwick Ginther, Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas (Tyche Books)
- 15 Breathe, Calvin D. Jim, Prairie Gothic: An Anthology (Prairie Soul Press)
- 14 The Bone-Stag Walks, KT Bryski, Lightspeed Magazine
- 13 ~~So You Want to be a Honey-pot, Kelly Robson, Uncanny Magazine (Removed - not genre)~~
- 13 Night Folk, Barb Galler-Smith, Galaxy's Edge Magazine

- 11 A Compass in the Dark, Phoebe Barton, Analog Science Fiction and Fact
- 11 Curious Algorithms, Hayden Trenholm, Analog Science Fact and Science Fiction
- 10 Ballgowns and Butterflies, Kelley Armstrong, Under a Winter Sky (Brightlynx Publishing)
- 9 Ice Heart, Nathan Caro Frechette, Whispers Between Fairies (Renaissance)
- 9 The Bear Wife, Leah Bobet, Apparition Lit
- 9 A Murder of Scarecrows, Mark Leslie, Nobody's Hero (stark publishing)
- 9 La Vitesse, Kelly Robson, The Book of Dragons: An Anthology (Harper Voyager)
- 8 Quickly, Something Familiar, Chris Patrick Carolan, Prairie Gothic (Anthology, Prairie Soul Press)
- 8 The Greatest Day, Eric Choi, Analog Science Fiction and Fact (January/February 2020)
- 8 An Elephant Never Forgets, Rich Larson, Made to Order: Robots and Revolution (Solaris)
- 8 Hammers Stained Red, Robert Bose, Prairie Gothic Anthology (Prairie Soul Press)
- 7 Swanmaid, Bronwynn Erskine, Air: Sylphs, Spirits, & Swan Maidens (Tyche Books)
- 7 Ink, Derek Newman-Stille, Whispers Between Fairies (Renaissance)
- 6 A Brilliant Light, an Unreachable Dawn, Phoebe Barton, Recognize Fascism (World Weaver Press)
- 6 Beyond the Clouds, the Stars, M. M. Davies-Ostrom, Brave New Girls: Tales of Girls who Tech and Tinker (Brave New Girls)
- 6 Beneath the Pall, Edward Willett, My Battery is Low and It is Getting Dark (Anthology, Zombies Need Brains LLC)
- 6 The Beast, Nathan Caro Frechette, Whispers Between Fairies (Renaissance)
- 6 Pastrami on Rye, Sara C. Walker, On Spec (The Copper Pig Writers' Society)
- 6 Between the Worlds, Lee F. Patrick, On Spec (Copper Pig Writers' Society)
- 6 Grasshoppers and Mountain Cats, Rhonda Parrish, Prairie Gothic (Prairie Soul Publishing)
- 6 Dry Town, Sarah L. Johnson, Prairie Gothic Anthology (Prairie Soul Press)
- 6 A Dry River Runs With Blood, Eileen Gunnell Lee, Selene Quarterly
- 6 Viral Content, Madeline Ashby, Take Us to a Better Place (Melcher Media)
- 6 The Dreadnought and the Stars, Phoebe Barton, Glitter + Ashes
- 6 La Bae, Leah Bobet, Strange Horizons
- 6 The Perfect Kibble, Krista D. Ball, Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas (Tyche Books)
- 6 Vision Quest, Edward Willett, Shapers of Worlds (Anthology, Shadowpaw Press)
- 6 On Hestian Cuisine, Mike Rimar, On Spec
- 5 The Gorgon's Epitaphist, KT Bryski, Apparition Lit

- 5 Echo the Echo, Rich Larson, Entanglements: Tomorrow's Lovers, Families, and Friends (MIT Press)
- 5 Lowlife Orbit, Rich Larson, Analog Science Fact and Science Fiction
- 5 Birthday Barbeque, Robert Runte, Potato Soup
- 5 The Forest is a Dancer, Lynne Sargent, The Centropic Oracle
- 5 Remember Madame Hercules, Kate Heartfield, On Spec
- 5 Falling Feathers, Catherine Fitzsimmons, The Light Between Stars (Brain Lag)
- 5 Bells, Megan M. Davies-Ostrom, +A1:B42Cosmic Horror Monthly (Issue #1)

Best Graphic Novel

- 28 Krampus is My Boyfriend!, S.M. Beiko, S.M. Beiko/Webtoon
- 21 It Never Rains, Kari Maaren, Kari Maaren
- 15 ~~The League of Super Feminists, Mirion Malle, Drawn & Quarterly (Removed --Not genre)~~
- 15 Gothic Tales of Haunted Futures, Edited by S.M. Beiko, Renegade Arts Entertainment
- 13 Crash and Burn, Kate Larking and Finn Lucullan, Astres Press
- 13 Northwest Resistance, Katherena Vermette, illustrated by Scott B. Henderson, Highwater Press
- 13 Goblins, Ellipsis Hana Stephens, Goblins Comic

- 10 True Balance, Brandon Crilly, Markosia Press (in FLIP: Volume 2)
- 10 Moon Gazing, Michelle Theodore, Augur Magazine (Issue 3.2)
- 9 What Will Not Last, Lyndon Radchenka, Mythos & Ink
- 9 Breakdown, David A. Robertson, illustrated by Scott B. Henderson, Highwater Press
- 8 Tartarus Vol. 1, Johnnie Christmas, illustrated by Jack T. Cole, Image Comics
- 8 Familiar Face, Michael DeForge, Drawn & Quarterly
- 7 Warm Blood Vol. 1, Josh Tierney, illustrated by Afu Chan, Saskia Gutenkunst, Joysuke et al., Buno Books
- 7 Cyclic, Jade Zhang, Augur Magazine (Issue 3.1)
- 7 Rizzo, Ho Che Anderson, illustrated by Benjamin Marra, NeoText
- 7 S.I.G.N.A.L. Saga, Dominic Bercier, Mirror Comics Studios
- 6 Camp Spirit, Axelle Lenoir, Top Shelf Productions
- 5 Necromantic, Lovern Kindzierski, illustrated by David Ross & Geof Isherwood, Renegade Arts Entertainment
- 5 All-Night Laundry, Zachary "Jack Fractal" Hall, Zachary Hall
- 5 THE KRILLIAN KEY: Salamander Run Vol 1, Neal Shannacappo, Kecedonce Press

Best Poem/Song

- 11 Arachnoid Cyst, Dominik Parisien, This Magazine
 11 Back Story, David Clink, Strange Horizons
 10 The Death of the Gods, Leah Bobet, Uncanny Magazine #32
 9 Masquerade, Colleen Anderson, On Spec
 9 he scores, Beth Cato and Rhonda Parrish, Star*Line, Summer 2020
 9 Hamilton Harbour, Lynne Sargent, A Refuge of Tales (Renaissance Press)
 9 Electra, Y.M. Pang, Arsenika
 9 Nidhog, Jo Walton, The Book of Dragons (Harper Voyager)
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- 8 The Dream of the Wood, Leah Bobet, Reckoning 4: creative writing on environmental justice
 7 The Luck Eaters, Beth Cato and Rhonda Parrish, Star*Line, Summer 2020
 7 Oysters, Lynne Sargent, A Refuge of Tales (Renaissance)
 7 Grass Whisperer, Lynne M MacLean, Speculative North issue #1
 7 An Interrogation of Colour, Lynne Sargent, A Refuge of Tales (Renaissance)
 7 Zodiac Girl, Carolyn Clink, Eye to the Telescope
 6 Diptych of Summers Past, Isabel Yang, Augur Magazine 3.1
 6 My Body the Nest, Sienna Tristen, Augur Magazine 3.2
 6 Searching For a New Lamppost, Lynne Sargent, A Refuge of Tales (Renaissance)
 5 At the Bleeding Edge, Lisa Timpf, Apparition Lit, Issue 9, Experimentation
 5 Surfacing, Tiffany Morris, Abyss & Apex
 5 Of fairy tale's, David F. Shultz, Star*Line, Volume 43, issue 1

Best Related Work

- 38 Augur Magazine, Lawrence Stewen, Managing Editor, Kerrie Seljak-Byrne
 32 On Spec: The Canadian Magazine of the Fantastic, Diane L. Walton, Managing Editor, Copper Pig Society
 28 Polar Borealis, R. Graeme Cameron, R. Graeme Cameron
 22 Prairie Gothic, Stacey Kondla, Prairie Soul, Inc.
 19 PodCastle, C.L. Clark and Jen R. Albert, Escape Artists Inc.
 19 ~~Anathema, Spec from the Margins, Michael Matheson, Andrew Wilmot, and Chinele Onwualu, Editors, Anathema Magazine (Nominee refused to be on ballot)~~
 18 Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space, Amanda Leduc, Coach House Books
 18 Swashbuckling Cats: Nine Lives on the Seven Seas, Rhonda Parrish, Editor, Tyche Books
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- 17 Love After the End: An Anthology of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Speculative Fiction, Joshua Whitehead, Arsenal Pulp Press
 17 Lackington's, Ranylt Richildis, Editor, Ranylt Richildis
 16 Air: Sylphs, Spirits, & Swan Maidens, Rhonda Parrish, Editor, Tyche Books
 16 Neo-opsis Science Fiction Magazine, Karl & Stephanie Ann Johanson, Editors, Karl & Stephanie Ann Johanson
 14 Speculative North, Issues #1 to #3, David F. Shultz, Lead Editor, TDotSpec Inc
 14 Shapers of Worlds, Edward Willett, Editor, Shadowpaw Press
 13 The Luminous Underground, Phoebe Barton, Choice of Games
 13 The Routledge Introduction to Canadian Fantastic Literature, Allan Weiss, Routledge
 12 AE: The Canadian Science Fiction Review, D.F. McCourt, Managing Editor, AEscifi
 11 Whispers Between Fairies, Nathan Caro Fr chet te and Derek Newman-Stille, Renaissance
 10 Decoherence (column in each issue), Robert J. Sawyer, Galaxy's Edge magazine
 8 James Nicoll Reviews, James Davis Nicoll, Tor.com
 7 The Light Between Stars, Catherine Fitzsimmons, editor, Brain Lag Publishing

- 7 A Quiet Afternoon: Low-Fi Speculative Fiction, For a Peaceful Break From a Stressful World, Liane Tsui and Grace Seybold, Editors, Grace & Victory Publications
- 7 Pulp Science Fiction from the Rock, Ellen Curtis and Erin Vance, editors, Engen books
- 6 Stellar Evolutions, Rhea Rose, RainWood Press
- 5 Hexagon SF Magazine, JW Stebner, JW Stebner
- 5 Between Conversations: Tales From the World of Ryuujin, Marc Watson, Marc Watson
- 5 Small Rain And Other Nightmares, Paula Johanson, Doublejoy Books

Best Visual Presentation

- 53 The Umbrella Academy, Steve Blackman, Dark Horse Entertainment
- 49 Trickster, episodes 1-6, Michelle Latimer, Tony Elliott, Jennifer Kawaja, and Julia Sereny, Strel Films, Sienna Films, and CBC
- 31 Wynonna Earp, Season 4, episodes 1-6, Emily Andras, Seven24 Films Calgary
- 23 Murdoch Mysteries, Season 13, episodes 10-18, Peter Mitchell and Christina Jennings, Shaftesbury Films
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- 13 Don't Text Back, Kaye Adelaide, Mariel Sharp, Fantasia Film Festival
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- 12 The Curse of Willow Song, Karen Lam and Karen Wong, Opiate Pictures and RNR Media
- 10 Utopia Falls, episodes 1-10, R. T. Thorne and Joseph Mallozzi, Sonar Entertainment
- 9 The Archivists, Igor Drljaca, TimeLapse Pictures, Big & Quiet Pictures
- 6 Possessor, Brandon Cronenberg, Director, Rhombus Media
- 5 Slaxx, Elza Kephart, Director, EMA Films / Entertainment Squiad
- 5 Endlings (season 1), JJ Johnson, Sinking Ship Entertainment

Best Artist

- 32 Swati Chavda, art, maps, and covers for multiple publications
- 31 Maia Kondla-Wolf, cover to Prairie Gothic Anthology
- 30 Samantha M. Beiko, cover for Flights of Marigold, Laksa Media Groups Inc.
- 27 Lorna Antoniazzi, covers of Augur Magazine Issues 3.1 and 3.2
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- 23 Dan O'Driscoll, cover of Corona Burning, Bundoran Press Publishing House
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- 18 Nathan Caro Frechette, cover for Whispers Between Fairies, Renaissance
- 18 Eran Fowler, covers for Speculative North #1 ("New Worlds") and #3 ("Noctua Steals the Moon")
- 18 Lynne Taylor Fahnestalk, Feature: A Rivet of Robots, "Larry", On Spec Issue #113, Vo. 30, #3
- 11 Derek Newman-Stille and Nathan Caro Frechette, Illustrations for Whispers Between Fairies
- 10 Jenni Merrifield, Campfire, cover for Polar Borealis #14
- 7 Finn Lucullan, Crash and Burn comic, Astres Press
- 7 Michael Dean Jackson, Space Force, cover, Polar Borealis #16
- 7 Cell, Lily Blaze, Cover, Polar Borealis #13
- 6 Tracy Shepherd, Temple of a Space Kitten: Unusual Watercolour Portraits, self published on Amazon
- 6 Aaron Bilawchuk, cover of Starseed, The Seventh Terrace
- 5 Catherine Fitzsimmons, covers/illustrations for Brain Lag

Best Fan Writing and Publication

- 21 Clubhouse weekly column reviewing Canadian SpecFic, R. Graeme Cameron, Amazing Stories (online) Magazine
- 18 Young People Read Old SFF, James Davis Nicoll, youngpeoplereadoldsff.com
- 15 Random Musings (monthly column in issues 539-547), Robert J. Sawyer, BCSFAZINE:Clubzine of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association
- 14 BCSFAzine #538 March to #547 December, R. Graeme Cameron, British Columbia Science Fiction Association
- 14 The Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais, JenEric Designs
- 14 ~~Sci/Why, Claire Eamer et al, Claire Eamer et al (Removed – not genre)~~
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- 13 Weekly column reviewing SF&F movies, books, etc., Steve Fahnestalk, Amazing Stories (online & print) Magazine
- 13 Spacefaring Civilization, Ron S. Friedman, Quora
- 11 JenEric Movie Reviews, Eric Desmarais, JenEric Designs
- 11 Starlost: The Great Canadian Star Trek, D.G. Valdron, Den Valdron
- 10 WARP Issues 107, 108, 109, Catherine Palmer-Lister, Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (MonSFFA)
- 10 Revangelion: A Longest Form Review of Neon Genesis Evangelion, Adam Shaftoe, Adam Shaftoe
- 9 The Uncanny X-Men - Chronological Blog Series, Part 3 (X-Men First Class) - Part 25 (The Proteus Saga), Derek Kunsken, www.blackgate.com
- 9 The Lightning Round Reading Challenge, Erin Rockfort, Erin Rockfort
- 7 Bionic Book Worm, Shanah McCready, Shanah McCready
- 6 Books and Ladders, Jamie Kramer, Jamie Kramer
- 6 H.P. Lovecraft and Me, Den Valdron, Denvaldron.com
- 6 The Hyper Halfling's Loot, Danielle Stephens (writer), In*Die Zine (Sep 2020 & Dec 2020)

Best Fan Organizational

Added to Fan Related Work for 2021 due to limited eligible works because of the pandemic

Best Fan Related Work

- 58 When Words Collide Online Festival, Randy McCharles, Randy McCharles
- 51 2020 Aurora Awards Ceremony, Mark Leslie Lefebvre and Liz Anderson, Online event
- 33 Speculating Canada: Canadian Horror, Science Fiction, and Fantasy, Derek Newman-Stille, Derek Newman-Stille
- 31 ephemera reading series (online), KT Bryski / Jen R. Albert, ephemera Collective
- 27 AugurCon, Kerry C. Byrne and Terese Mason Pierre, Augur Magazine Literary Society
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- 26 The Worldshapers Podcast, Edward Willett, Edward Willett
- 22 Broadcasts from the Wasteland, Brandon Crilly and Evan May, Brandon Crilly and Evan May
- 20 Just Joshing, Joshua Pantalleresco, Joshua Pantalleresco
- 14 RenVCon, Nathan Caro Frechette
- 11 How I Taught My Dragon: Kindergarten education through genre media, Jennifer Desmarais, JenEric Designs
- 10 Brodacious Book Club, Erin Rockfort and Matt Thomas, Erin Rockfort and Matt Thomas
- 10 Karl Johanson's 2020 Science Fiction Related Videos, Karl Johanson, Karl Johanson
- 9 Sci & Sci-Fi - Connecting the public to science and technology through storytelling, Ron S. Friedman, Youtube
- 6 Argo Bookshop author live chats, Argo Bookshop, Argo Bookshop

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- 5 If This Goes On (Don't Panic) Podcast, Diane Morrison, Alan Bailey / Diane Morrison / Cat Rambo / Rachel Renee, through Libsyn podcast platform
 - 5 Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (MonSFFA) monthly meetings, Cathy Palmer-Lister, MonSFFA
 - 5 30 Seconds of..., T. G. Shepherd Blog