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2011 Book of the Year Award Finalists
Announced

ForeWord Reviews is pleased to announce the 2011 Book of the Year Awards list of finalists. Representing more than 700 publishers, the finalists were selected from 1200 entries in 60 genre categories. These books are examples of independent publishing at its finest.

Gardens of Grief is a finalist for the 2011 ForeWord Reviews Book of the Year Awards in the Historical Fiction

category.

GARDENS OF GRIEF — a brilliant, and socially important novel — is less a sequel to THE CREED OF VIOLENCE than an organic evolution. It follows John Lourdes, an agent with the Bureau of Investigation, who is sent by the U.S. State Department to Constantinople in 1915. The Great War has begun and the British have been defeated at the Dardanelles. In Turkey the government means to see every Christian Armenian exterminated, in what will become the first genocide of World History. John Lourdes' clandestine assignment is to help an outlaw priest named Malek get safely across the war-ravaged Ottoman Empire. The priest, hunted by the Turkish government because he is an Armenian, is a hero to his people and a political threat to the Central Powers. The novel, very much a Homeric epic, has the sweep and grandeur of LAWRENCE OF ARABIA. It will be to modern literature what the great chanson THE SONG OF ROLAND was to the Middle Ages. A parabolic and visceral tale of sacrifice and martyrdom. It is not only compelling human drama, but it is also rich with detail about what truly took place in Turkey in 1915. The book is the definitive battlefield for those who say the genocide did happen, and those who say it did not. Regardless, the book presents the horror and the grandeur, in Kipling's words, "Lest we forget."—FA B 4 0

Boston Teran is the author of six previous novels. He has been nominated and won numerous awards including the John Creasy Award, International IMPAC Award, Book of the Year in France, Book of the Year in Japan, and Readers Digest Best First Novel of the Year. Two of his novels are being developed into major motion pictures. His fifth novel, The Creed of Violence, was bought by Universal Studios for the second highest price ever paid for an unpublished manuscript and is set to star Leonardo DiCaprio.

HIGH TOP PUBLISHING was established in California in 1990 and became the largest publisher of sports books on audio tape in the US. In 2005, the company was re-launched and in its new incarnation has included the best of literary fiction.

We are proud to announce our new line of literary fiction with the publication of four books by the author Boston Teran.

Our very first book by Teran - Giv -The Story of a Dog and America - was nominated for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award for 2011 as one of the most important works of its kind in the world.

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