



**Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.**  
**BCALA EBook Literary Awards**

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**BCALA and BiblioBoard Announce the 2017 EBook Literary Awards Winners**

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. (BCALA) and BiblioBoard announce winners of the 2017 Self-Publishing EBook Award. Following the model of the current BCALA Literary Awards, the award honors the best self-published eBooks in fiction and poetry by an African American author in the U.S. This is the second time BCALA and BiblioBoard have given this innovative award. The recipients will receive awards during the 2017 National Conference of African American Librarians on August 10 in Atlanta, GA.

**FICTION**

The fiction category winner is *Book of Addis: Cradled Embers: a Novel* (For the People Press) by Brooke Obie. This is a historical fiction novel of power, resistance, and detail. Addis escapes from her master and embarks on a journey that is raw, breathtaking, and inspiring. Obie takes fear and glamorously turns it into fierce action through Addis' love story, hope, and revolution. Brooke is a writer and editor who lives in Harlem. She is currently working on the sequel to her debut novel *Book of Addis*.

The Honor Book for Fiction is *Melting the Blues* (Gold Fern Press) by Tracy Chiles McGhee. McGhee's debut novel is set in Arkansas in the 1950s a time when racial tensions were soaring. Augustus, the main character, is so engrossed in his music but must wrestle with the past in order to move forward with his dreams. Tracy Chiles McGhee currently resides in Washington, DC where she works in education.

**POETRY**

The winner for the EBook Best Poetry Award is *On Life* (Create Space Publishing) by Jacqueline Nicole Harris. This book is made up of a variety of poems with different styles. Harris makes commentary about life, music, society and much more. Each poem, meant to be read aloud, gives the book a certain edge and a whole new meaning. Certain poems stand out including... *The Day "I" took Himself for a Walk, On Life, and Pride "Sestina"*. Jacqueline Nicole Harris is a poet, writer, blogger, and currently lives in North Chicago, Illinois.

Members of the BCALA Literary Awards Jury are: Tiffany A. Duck ( Chair), Hampton Public Library; Gladys Smiley Bell, Hampton University; Jamillah Gabriel, Purdue University; Dominique Luster, University of Pittsburg; Carol Nurse, Montclair University; Annie Payton, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University; and Stacy Williams, University of Southern California.