



# **Book Awards**

Lailee McNair Bakhtiar  
formerly Lailee van Dillen

## Awards: Writing, Speeches, & Television

1. *City Dock Poetry* selected poems 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2014, 2013

Blindness in a Mending World

2. *Afghanistan's Blue Treasure Lapis Lazuli*, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
nonfiction NFPW at large
3. *The Foreigner*, short story, 2012 1<sup>st</sup> place at large; 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place NFPW national
4. *They Shake the Desert Sands*, novel, 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> place NFPW  
at large
5. Speech, short story, poetry: *Caring Sea, Gold in the  
Water, Wiltherea, Blindness in a Mending World, Serenity  
at the Apogee, Time*
6. 2009 *Meditations From the Sea*
7. 2011 1<sup>st</sup> place NFPW at large
8. Special articles, Reviews of Shakespeare 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
NFPW at large
9. *Meditations from the Sea* poetry 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> place NFPW at  
large
10. *An Analysis of James Joyce on Loneliness and Michel*

- Cunningham on Time* 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> place NFPW at large
11. *The Shepherd*, short story 2010 1<sup>st</sup> place NFPW at large
  12. *Journey of Hope*, speech 2010 1<sup>st</sup> place NFPW at large
  13. *Down the Carpeted Road*, short story, 2009 1<sup>st</sup> place NFPW at large
  14. Television Interview, Writers Around Annapolis and Mayor Ellen Moyer of Annapolis on F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*
  15. 2009 1<sup>st</sup> place short story & interviews NFPW at large
  16. Profiles, *Kismet* 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> place NFPW at large Bakhtiar Nomads, speech Gulf & Globe: United States Naval Academy 2009 1<sup>st</sup> place NFPW at large
  17. 2003 Bowie State University Department of English and Modern Languages, outstanding achievement Fine Arts Festival Week
  18. *Mending Nations*, poetry 2001 1st place NFPW at large
  19. Speech United Nations New York Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium: The Culture of Peace Women Making It Happen UNESCO The Values Caucus The Peace Caucus, Pathways to Peace Jubilenium and The World Peace Prayer Society CSW/Bejing2001 1<sup>st</sup> place NFPW at large
  20. *Harem Letters*, novel 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> place NFPW at large
  21. *Harem Letters*, novel 1999 selection he University Club

Book Fair Washington D.C.

22. The Roses of Isfahan, short stories 1998 3rd Place  
California Media Professionals
23. The Roses of Isfahan, short stories 1998 The National  
Press Club Book Fair Washington, D.C.
24. Harem Letters, novel historical fiction 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
California Media Professionals
25. Midnight Tales, children 1999 3rd place California Media  
Professionals
26. Second Place, speech to American Association of  
University Women, California Media Professionals, 1999
27. Second Place, Authors & Critics, KCSM TV PBS San  
Mateo, CA, California Media Professionals, 1999
28. Second Place, For Heaven's Sake NBC-KRON TV San  
Francisco, CA, California Media Professionals, 1999.
29. Interview Print, The Honorable Andrew Young 1999 1<sup>st</sup>  
place California Media Professionals
30. Chai, poetry 1999 1st place California Media  
Professionals
31. Chai, poetry 1999 selected Allen Ginsberg Poetry Café  
San Francisco Book Festival
32. The Roses of Isfahan, short stories 3<sup>rd</sup> place California  
Media Professionals

- 33. Television For Heaven's Sake, NBC SF KRON 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> place California Media Professionals
- 34. Television Authors & Critics, PBS KCSM 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> place California Media Professionals
- 35. Chai, poetry 1998 selection Los Angeles Times Festival of Books
- 36. For Heaven's Sake Television, NBC KRON San Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Special programming, public affairs California Media Professionals 1998, 1997 Catholic Communication Campaign United States Catholic Conference, producer For Heaven's Sake Archdiocese of San Francisco , outstanding effort
- 37. 1996 California Press Women Honorable Mention
- 38. 1991 California Writers' Club, Peninsula Branch Certificate of Appreciation 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jack London Conference as Chairperson Lailee McNair Bakhtiar (as Lailee van Dillen)

**39. PBS-TV KCSM**

**40. "Authors & Critics" TV**

**41. San Mateo, California, USA**

42. 10 seasons: 1990-2000

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**PREVIOUS TELEVISION & WRITING ASSIGNMENTS**

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[Books on Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

[Esther: Entering Your Destiny, They Shake the Desert Sands, Harem Letters, City Dock Poetry, Chai Poetry, The Roses of Isfahan Poetry, Mending Nations Poetry, Midnight Tales](#)

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## **Broadcast Television:**

**PBS TV KCSM San Mateo, CA**

**NBC TV KRON, San Francisco, CA**

**Washington Post/Newsweek Cable, Burlingame, CA**

Viacom, San Francisco and Marin County, United Artists, Hayward, San Fernando Valley, Intermedia, Newark TCI Cable, Hearst Cable, KCSM RADION CLAIRE MACK SHOW

1986-2000 140 plus television programs Host/Producer. Interviewed over 400 authors.

- ❖ **NBC TV KRON** 7 years producer San Francisco Archdiocese of Northern California the Catholic Communications television program “For Heaven’s Sake” hosted by Father Miles O’Brien Riley . Guests included the Honorable Andrew Young, *An Easy Burden*, Tad Taube philanthropist, Al Young, Will Glennon, Stan Taubman, Rose Anna Hygashi, Beth Gutcheon, Jan Watten, Evelyn White, Billy Mills, Julie Melle, Mitch Finley, Elizabeth Fishell, M.J. Ryan, Donna Albrecht, Betina GrayDiana Watkins, Kristina Coci, Gloria Gallo, Margaret Huber, Diana Starke.
- ❖ **PBS TV KCSM Host/Producer** 10 year PBS *Authors & Critics*, San Mateo, CA, 1990-2000. The underwriters included Borders Books & Music, San Mateo, CA; Koret Foundation, Baan Corporation; Tower Books & Records, and member of KCST-TV PBS. Authors included Maxine Hong Kingston, Ernest J. Gaines, Isabel Allende, Robert Olen Butler, Richard Rodriguez, Gay Talese, Ann Lamott, Ben Bagdikian, Ken Follett and the Honorable Andrew Young.
- ❖ VIACOM San Francisco, Marin County; UNITED ARTISTS San Fernando Valley aired *Authors & Critics* TV
- ❖ SAMNET CHANNEL 8, Cable on 12 Peninsula cities: San Bruno, South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City, Menlo Park, Atherton, Palo Alto.
- ❖ **Washington Post/Newsweek TV Host/Producer** 5 years *Writers Forum & Book Review*, Pacific Cable Television Burlingame, CA, 1985-1990; This program, *Writers Forum and Book Review* was played on TCI cable San Francisco, Viacom Cable, Marin County, CA, South Bay Cablevision, Alameda County, United Artist Cable, Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley, United Artists, Santa Cruz, United Artists, Hayward, and Dimension Cable Times Mirror and hosted on Hearst Cablevision

“Burlingame Cable TV Has Latest Scoop On Books and Authors *Boutique & Villager* for Hillsborough and Burlingame, Wednesday, February 20, 1991

- ❖ Broadcast Journalist: Interviewed over 400 authors books; In 2000 the PBS affiliate program, *Authors & Critics*, was offered nationally to all PBS stations. Produced, wrote and voice over for YouTube “Ode to the Whorl” (submitted to the Cannes Film Festival), “Afghanistan’s Blue Treasure Lapis Lazuli” and “Summit Journey”.
- ❖ Fairfax, Virginia Cable TV MHZ for Accent interview with Zoe Rastagar from 2003-2007; Access TV Annapolis, Maryland for Jim Clark’s author show; Comcast TV Annapolis, MD 2008 with the Honorable Mayor of Annapolis, Maryland, Ellen Moyer on “F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby* sponsored by The National Endowment for the Arts; C-Span Host for Key School author festival, 2005

### **Print Journalist:**

Magazines in 8 countries, 50 articles; weekly columns in Luxemborg, England, the Netherlands Austria, Singapore and USA

*Independent News Group* San Francisco contributing editor for book review articles, Articles included interviews with Chris Evert, the Honorable Andrew Young, Becky London and many more in sports, politics and literary fields.

### **Author of 9 Books**

- 1 *Esther: Entering Your Destiny*, 2020
- 2 *City Dock Poetry*, 2013
- 3 *Afghanistan’s Blue Treasure Lapis Lazuli* (nonfiction), 2014
- 4 *They Shake the Desert Sands* (historical novel), 2010
- 5 *Harem Letters*, (historical novel), 1998
- 6 *Mending Nations* (poetry), 2001
- 7 *Chai* (poetry), 1998
- 8 *The Roses of Isfahan* (short stories & poems), 1997
- 9 *Midnight Tales* (children), 1998

### **Writers’ Organizations**

- ❖ Co-founded Jack London Writers Conference, 1990
- ❖ Chairman Jack London Writers’ Conference
- ❖ President Maryland Writers Association, Annapolis Branch, 2010
- ❖ President Annapolis International Book Club, 2014
- ❖ Co Chairman AAUW Multi Cultural Writers Luncheon NDdN April 17
- ❖ Chairperson, 1997 Youth Commemorative Book Chairperson September
- ❖ President California Writers Club, Peninsula Branch 1989
- ❖ Board Member, Burlingame Library Foundation, 1993

- ❖ Board Member, Peninsula Press Club, 1995; *Peninsula Press Club News* October, 1999
- ❖ Committee Author Luncheon for the National Kidney Foundation, SF, 1993
- ❖ Print Journalist: *Antiques & Fine Arts*; *Peninsula Magazine*, *Gentry Magazine*, *World Tennis*, *Tennis*, *Volleyball Monthly*, 1980-1985
- ❖ Writer tennis magazines 6 countries: Singapore, England, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, US '1980-1985; Monday, October 2, 1978, The Times, San Mateo, CA "Pretty Maids All in a Row" Transamerica Tennis Open Wives and Friends Tournament sponsored by Healthy America.
- ❖ Book reviewer for *Independent News Group*, San Francisco, 1997
- ❖ Member Media Alliance San Francisco, Naval Academy Garden Club Annapolis MD

### **Education:**

MAT Masters Degree in Teaching French: Notre Dame de Namur, Belmont, CA  
 Bachelors of Arts in French BA University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
 BA Bachelor Equivalency in English, Bowie State University  
 Maryland State Teaching Credential MAT in English and French  
 California State Teaching Credential in French; ( "Van Dillen Visits B.I.S. Students Boutique & Villager of Hillsborough and Burlingame, Wednesday, May 13, 1987)  
 UCLA, Farsi class, Don Stilo, Johns Hopkins, D.C. Arabic class  
 College of San Mateo Creative Writing, Dr. Jim Bell (also Dr. Jim Bell was co host of the book review segment of Authors & Critics TV and Writers Forum and Book Review).  
 Writers Connection, 6 seminars  
 Bay Area Writers Workshop under Larry Heinemann  
 Asilomar Conference,  
 San Jose State University 3 semesters, Dr. R.B. Sweet  
 Conferences with American Society of Journalists and Authors  
 International Food and Travel Writers Conference, Sonoma, CA  
 University of Reading, England, summer study under the Corolla in England program a combination of numerous prep schools, course work, theater, travel to France and Scotland for 6 weeks, summer 1969

2011--2017 C.S. Lewis Institute Fellows Program, Annapolis, Maryland

- ❖ C.S. Lewis Institute Fellows Program, Year I, Year II, Mentor, Prayer Warrior (2 yrs.), Annapolis, MD 2011-12-13 Mentor 2014
- ❖ Judge National Christian Forensics and Communications Association, local Annapolis event 2014

Speaking Engagements (partial list) 33 Awards for writing & TV:

- ❖ United Nations, New York City, NY World Peace/Prayer Conference Speaker 2000
- ❖ United States Naval Academy Gulf & Globe Conference



- ❖ Archives of the Library of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, 5 books in the permanent file of artist Parveen Bakhtiari McNair for cover illustrations This may be in the Smithsonian Institution Archives today, 2018
- ❖ Anne Arundel Community College Curriculum Transformation Project, CTP, Dr. Suzanne Spoor
- ❖ Los Angeles Book Festival, Poetry for Chai, The Roses of Isfahan
- ❖ San Francisco Festival of Books; Afsanehayeh Rouh, Legendary Souls, Chai, poetry, and The Roses of Isfahan Speaker and award recipient, National Press Club Book Awards
- ❖ American University Women,
- ❖ California Reading Association Annual Conference 1993 e Fresno, CA
- ❖ American Society of Journalists and Authors Conference, New York, NY
- ❖ American Association of University Women, San Mateo Branch, CA
- ❖ High Desert Chapter California Writers Club
- ❖ Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- ❖ Borders White Flint Mall, March 2003
- ❖ San Francisco State University
- ❖ Notre Dame de Namur, Belmont, CA
- ❖ Stanford University, Persian Cultural Center
- ❖ United Nations of Silicon Valley Association
- ❖ The Total Woman Expo, May 1995
- ❖ Landon Preparatory School, Bethesda, MD
- ❖ Crystal Springs Uplands School, Hillsborough, CA
- ❖ Hillsdale High School, San Mateo, CA
- ❖ KPFA Radio Oakland with Jack Foley
- ❖ Women in Communications San Mateo, Ca, keynote speaker
- ❖ National Press Club Washington, D.C, "The Nomadic Arts, History, and Culture of Chahar Mahal, Bakhtiari" slide presentation, May, 1998  
San Francisco Public Library, Main Library 100 Larkin Street San Francisco, Ca "Mending Nations" with Myriam Lesnik Chavez and Myriam Lesnik Chavez;
- ❖ "The Lost Art of Storytelling" November 5, 2002, Hard Bean Coffee & BookSellers with Katherine Neville, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Sunday, August 15 2000, Reading Harem Letters;
- ❖ Annapolis International Book Club Tour for They Shake the Desert Sands, June 6, 2005
- ❖ National Women's Book Association, "Kismet", November 1997
- ❖ BACE Bay Area Cable Excellence Awards Presenter, Newark, CA 1991, 1990
- ❖ Persian Cultural Center, "The Sacred Traveler"
- ❖ Creative Learning Center, Novato, CA "The Tree of Creative Life"
- ❖ Travel Writers of America, Nap Valley Conference, 1991.
- ❖ University Club, Washington, D.C. February, 1998. The Roses of Isfahan presentation
- ❖ NBC TV San Francisco, KRON TV Sunday, March 29 with artist Parveen McNair, The Roses of Isfahan on "For Heaven's Sake"

- ❖ Borders Book Tour in Northern California for Harem Lettesr, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Rafael
- ❖ Rotary Club of Millbrae, CA
- ❖ American Society of Journalists and Authors, May 15, 1992, New York panel
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce, San Mateo September 20, “City Arts”

#### Annapolis, Maryland

- ❖ International Womens’ Club, Annapolis, MD
- ❖ Anne Arundel Community College, Johnson Building, Ellen La Ffrankie, “Afghanistan’s Blue Treasure”
- ❖ Ahh, Coffee They Shake the Desert Sands, April 2010
- ❖ Chesapeake 713 Harbor House 2010, The Art of the Journey
- ❖ June 2010 Karavan Treasures Tribal Expressions
- ❖ July 2010 MiChek Boutique West Street Gallery
- ❖ August Zu Coffee Annapolis, MD, 2010
- ❖ March 2011 Bibi Bistro, Annapolis, MD March 11 The Link Between Form and Character”

#### Professional Experience: 2018

- ❖ Annapolis Area Christian High School: French Tutor, 2014
- ❖ SAT Tutor 2018: students from public and private schools
- ❖ French Tutor 2018:
- ❖ Teacher Southern Middle School, Ft. Meade Middle School, Annapolis Middle School, Substitute Anne Arundel County Schools, St. Anne’s Day School
- ❖ 10 years Sunday School Civilian Volunteer USNA, at the United States Naval Academy, mentor Midshipmen & teach Middle School Middle Sunday School Protestant
- ❖ Pan American Airlines flight attendant; travel 500,000 miles on the Grand Prix Tennis Tour primarily through Europe, Central America, Canada and the Universed States.
- ❖ Berlitz teaching Palo Alto, CA
- ❖ Member Alliance Francaise, VMF, Vieilles Maisons Francaises, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., Women’s National Book Association, Burlingame Writers Club, St. Paul’s Church, Burlingame
- ❖ Peninsula Press Club, Media Alliance, Writers’ Connection National Press Women, American Society of Journalists and Authors
- ❖ Radio, KCSM Claire Mack Show, KPFA Jack Foley Berkeley, CA
- ❖ Founder “Sweet Carolines” service group at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Cheerleader University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1971 under Dean Smith and Bill Dooley, Monogram Varsity Women’s Tennis 19
- ❖ Miss 16 of Washington, D.C., 1966, Junior Miss Rockville MD, 1967, Runner-Up Miss Teenage Maryland, Miss American Teenager, finalist, worked for Garfinckels of Washington, DC., National Honor Society, Bethesda Chevy Chase High School cheerleaders, Teens Breakfast Club 4rth Presbyterian Church , Confirmed and

Baptized St. John's Episcopal Church Bethesda, MD, Girls Scouts and Brownies, Class Vice President and President 1968, 1969, Committee to send letters to soldiers in Vietnam, 1968, Middle Atlantic Mixed Doubles Tennis Winner, 1968, Middle Atlantic tennis competition.

### **Articles for International Magazine: 1981-1988**

Austria *Ski and Tennis Walt*

England *World Tennis* and *Tennis World*

Italy *il Tennis italiano*

Luxemborg *Tennis*

Mexico *Tenis Mexicano*

Netherlands *Tennis*

Singapore *Tennis Circle*

United States *World Tennis, Tennis, City Sports, Volleyball Monthly, Tennis Talk, Inside Tennis, International Tennis Weekly, Tennis USA, National Program United States Tennis Association Hardcourts Championships*

50 articles in 20 magazines in England, Luxembourg, Austria, Mexico, The Netherlands, Singapore, and United States including (*Antiques & Fine Arts, The Californians, Tennis, World Tennis, Gentry Magazine, Penisnsula Magazine, Writers' Connection*)

Appearing on TV or Radio, Writers Connection-October 1993

England April 1983 *Tennis World* "Arthur Ashe's Friends and Fans Bid Fond Farewell"

England, *Tennis World*, Andre Agassi

England *Tennis World* Chris Evert

England *Tennis World* Bjorn Borg

England, *Tennis World* Jimmy Connors

England *Tennis World* Jim Courier

England *Tennis World* Jennifer Capriati

England *Tennis World* Helen Wills Moody

England *Tennis World* April 1990 Michael Chang

England January 1989 *Tennis World* "Suzanne Lenglen"

England *Tennis* May 1988 "*LeRoy Neiman Paints Wimbledon*"

1995 Dec-Jan *Gentry Magazine* "Tower of Power: Stanford's Hoover Institute the Honorable George Shultz former Secretary of State and John Rasian Director of the Hoover Institute.

1992 *The Californians*"Becky London: The Quiet Survivor Talks About Her Father Jack London"

July 1990 *Antiques & Fine Art Magazine* "curator of the de Young Museum, Mr. Donald. L. Stover"

June 1988 *City Sports* "Russian Olympic Coach"

May 1988 *Volleyball Monthly* "Russian Olympic Stars"

1.June1988 *World Tennis* "Rothschild of France"

2.May 1988 *Tennis*, UK "LeRoy Neiman Paints Wimbledon

3.July1988 *Tennis*, UK "Boris Becker's Coach Bob Brett"

4. June 1988 *City Sports* Los Angeles "Russian Olympic Coach Gennady Parshin:
5. May 1988 *Volleyball Monthly* "Russ Olympic Stars"
6. July 1987 *Program* "Recruiting Five Coaches Viewpoint National Hardcourt Championships, USTA
7. May/June 1987 *Tennis Talk* "Turn in the Road, Charles Pasarell"
8. April 1987 *Tennis World*, UK "Chris Evert Lloyd Insights"
9. April 1987 *Tennis Talk*, "Tennis the LeRoy Neiman Way
10. June 1986 *Program* "Addressing the Future National Hardcourt Championships, USTA
11. May 1986 *Ski and Tennis Welt* Austria "The French Open"
12. April/May 1986 *Tennis Mexicano*, Mexico "Transitions of a Pro Approaching 30"
13. October 1985 *Ski and Tennis Welt* Austria "Trophies of Pro Tennis"
14. October 1985 *Ski and Tennis Welt* Austria "Tennis After 30
15. May 1985 *Tennis Talk* "The Seven Most Coveted Trophies of All Time"
16. February 1985 *Tennis Talk* "Transitions of a Pro Approaching 30"
17. November 1984 *Ski and Tennis Welt* Austria "Centre-Court Life"
18. June 1984 *Tennis* Netherlands "Tennis Goes Computer"
19. May *Tennis* UK "Springtime in Paris"
20. May 1984 *Tennis World*, UK "Court Life"
22. May 1984 *Tennis* Netherlands "Tennis in Paris"
23. April 1984 *Inside Tennis* "Coming Out of the Shadows Franck Brennan Stanford University"
24. March 1984 *Tennis USA* "A Chat with Mr. President Hunter Delatour, USTA)
25. January/March 1984 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "A Man for All Seasons Stanford University's Frank Brennan"
26. January/March 1984 *Tennis Circles* Singapore "Centre-Court Life Fantasy vs Reality"
27. October/December 1983 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "Will Ricky Leach Make It to the Big Time?"
28. October/December 1983 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "A Chat with Mr. President, Hunter Delatour"
29. July/September 1983 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "The Greatest Spectator Event in the World The French Open"
30. July/September *Tennis Circle* Singapore "Tennis Goes Computer"
31. July 1983 "Thanks for the Memories" *Program National Hardcourt Finals United States Tennis Association*
32. January 1983 "A Day in the Life: Winning and Losing Aren't Everything" *Tennis Circle* Singapore
33. January 1983 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "Jean-Paul Loth: Key to French Tennis Hopes
34. January 1983 *World Tennis USA* "A.T.P. Phone Home"
35. December 1982 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "Breakfast in Milan, Lunch in Paris, the Exciting Life of a Pro's Wife"
36. November 1982 *International Tennis Weekly ATP Players Publication* "Lot Scours France for Talent"
37. September 1982 *Tennis Circle* Singapore "The Day I Stepped Into My Husband's Sneakers"

- 38 September 1982 *Tennis Circle* Singapore “The New Frontiers of a Pro Approaching 30””
- 39 September 1982 *World Tennis USA* “A Day in the Life: Winning and Losing Aren’t Everything”
- 40 June 1982 *Tennis Circle* Singapore “the Baby Boom Hits the Tennis Tour”
- 41 June 1982 *Tennis USA* “The Day I Stepped Into My Husband’s Sneakers”
- 42 Spring 1982 *Prince Newsletter* “Prince Racket: The Fountain of Youth, interview with Howard Head”
- 43 October 1981 *World Tennis* “And Baby Makes Three in a Room on the Men’s Tour”
- 44 1981 *Netherland Tennis* “A Chat with Mr. President Hunter Delatour”
- 45 1981 *Netherlands Tennis* “Centre Court Life: Fanstasy vs Reality”
- 46 1981 *Netherlands Tennis* “A Man For All Seasons Stanford University’s Frank Brennan