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DRAGON AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

*Dragon Awards Recognize The Best In Imaginative Fiction In
Books, Games, Comics And Filmed Entertainment*

ATLANTA – September 5, 2016 – The inaugural Dragon Awards were announced on Sunday, September 4th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, during Dragon Con, the internationally known pop culture, fantasy, science fiction and gaming convention.

These awards, introduced as part of Dragon Con’s 30th anniversary celebration, recognize the best in imaginative fiction, books, games, comics and filmed entertainment as selected by the fans, who both nominate their favorite works and vote for the winners.

“These awards were completely fan-driven,” said Pat Henry, president of Dragon Con, Inc. “There are many awards programs across fandom, but too many of them limit voting to members or small groups of so-called experts. We believed that the voice of the fan was not being fully heard.”

The inaugural Dragon Award winners:

Best Science Fiction Novel

Somewhither: A Tale of the Unwithering Realm by John C. Wright

Best Fantasy Novel

Son of the Black Sword by Larry Correia

Best Young Adult/Middle Grade Novel

The Shepherd’s Crown by Terry Pratchett

Best Military Science Fiction or Fantasy Novel

Hell’s Foundations Quiver by David Weber

Best Alternate History Novel

League of Dragons by Naomi Novak

Best Apocalyptic Novel

Ctrl Alt Revolt! by Nick Cole

Best Horror Novel

Souldancer by Brian Niemeier

Best Comic Book

Ms. Marvel

Best Graphic Novel

The Sandman: Overture by Neil Gaiman

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy TV Series

Game of Thrones - HBO

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy Movie

The Martian

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy PC/Console Game

Fallout 4 by Bethesda Softworks

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy Mobile Game

Fallout Shelter by Bethesda Softworks

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy Board Game

Pandemic: Legacy by ZMan Games

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy Miniatures/Collectible Card/Role Playing Game

Call of Cthulhu Roleplaying Game (7th edition) by Chaosium Inc.

Selecting the winners happened in a two-part process, beginning with an open nomination period lasting several months, resulting in a list of finalists pulled from the most nominated works. A second round of voting on the finalists only resulted in the award winners that were announced on Sunday.

Voting was open to anyone who registered with an email address. There was no cost or attendance requirement.

Open nominations for the 2017 awards will begin in October of 2016.

Further details are available on the awards website <http://awards.dragoncon.org>.

About Dragon Con

Dragon Con is the internationally known pop culture convention held each Labor Day in Atlanta. Organized for fans, Dragon Con features more than about 3,500 hours of comics, film, television, costuming, art, music and gaming over four days. For more information, please visit www.dragoncon.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.