



2008 DIY BOOK FESTIVAL NAMES WINNERS

LOS ANGELES (December 26, 2008) _ The 2008 DIY Book Festival has chosen photojournalist **Susan Madden Lankford's "Maggots in My Sweet Potatoes,"** a stunning examination of jail life, as the winner of its annual competition honoring the best of independent publishing.

The book and its author will be honored along with other competition winners in February as part of the activities at the **2009 DIY Convention: Do It Yourself in Film, Music & Books.**

Lankford, a professional photographer, took her camera and a tape recorder into a San Diego jail over a period of two years. Her mission was to understand the cycle and culture of the jail experience, which is far different from the oft-told stories of prisons. Her ability to open a window on a world many know but few perceive won her the award as the outstanding book of the 2008 DIY Book Festival.

The complete list of festival selections:

NON-FICTION:

WINNER: Maggots In My Sweet Potatoes: Women Doing Time – Susan Madden Lankford

RUNNERS-UP:

- **World Slavery: The Bigger Picture – Robert Soper**
- **DIY: The Rise of Lo-Fi Culture – Amy Spencer**

HONORABLE MENTION:

- How To Have Fun and Not Die – Eddie Einbinder
- Unlocking The Mystery of Skin Color – Thienna Ho, Ph.D
- Secrets From The Sofa – Dr. Kenneth Herman
- Sleep, Interrupted – Steven Park
- Doggy on Deck: Life at Sea With a Salty Dog – Jessica H. Stone
- World Voyagers – Shelton & Wood
- Los Angeles Attractions – Borislav Stanic
- Adventure in Boreno – Jolan Durrah
- Searching For A Clean Bill of Health – Susan L. Jamieson
- **Make A Joyful Noise – Chariss K. Walker**
- Stop The Stress Habit – Dr. Leslie Torburn
- Pressure Cooker Confidence – Lt. Colonel Kevin J. Sweeney, USAF (ret)
- Engaging The Textured Parent – Kareen Ross
- Feather River Country Adventure Trails – Tom DeMund
- A Peace of My Mind – Diane M. Berry/Terry J. Berry
- White Lies Dark Truth – Mony Singh