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'The Spirit of Villarosa' Wins Coveted Royal Dragonfly Book Award

CHANDLER, AZ (November, 2016) — The judges of the **2016 Royal Dragonfly Book Awards** contest, which recognizes excellence in all genres of literature, have spoken. *The Spirit of Villarosa: A Father's Extraordinary Adventures; A Son's Challenge* by Horace Dade Ashton, Marc Ashton, and Libby J. Atwater won first place in two categories: biography and memoir and historical nonfiction.

"Winning any place in the Royal Dragonfly Contest is a huge honor because in order to maintain the integrity of the Dragonfly Book Awards, a minimum score is required before a First or Second Place or Honorable Mention will be awarded to the entrant—even if it is the sole entry in a category," explains Linda F. Radke, president of the Dragonfly Book Awards program. "Competition is steep, too, because there is no publication date limit as long as the book is still in print."

The Spirit of Villarosa: A Father's Extraordinary Adventures; A Son's Challenge is a glorious account of Horace Ashton's remarkable adventures juxtaposed with his son Marc's 2001 kidnapping in Haiti by four armed thugs who clearly plan to kill him. While captive, Marc determines to survive and asks himself, "What would Dad do?" To find out how this true-life adventure culminates, read the book, which retails for \$19.95. It can be purchased at www.TheSpiritofVillarosa.com, www.MyBookOrders.com, www.LibbyAtwaterBooks.com, www.Amazon.com, www.BN.com, and through these wholesalers: Ingram, Baker&Taylor, Brodart (library distributor), and Follett Library Services.

For a complete list of winners including all first and second place and honorable mention recipients, visit www.DragonflyBookAwards.com and click on "Winners."

The next Royal Dragonfly Book Awards contest is already underway. Final deadline for submissions is October 1, 2017. The final deadline for the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards Contest, which recognizes outstanding literature in children's books, is May 1, 2017. For complete rules and submission forms for either contest, visit www.FiveStarBookAwards.com and click on the contest of choice.

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