



# MEMOIR CONTEST WINNERS



## First Place

### Marlene Augustine-Gardini

### “The Yard”



Marlene Augustine-Gardini enjoyed her long career as a major label record promoter for Country music. Along with her love for music (all genres) she has been active in animal rescue, specifically TNR, the trapping, neutering/spaying, and releasing of feral cats and the socializing of feral kittens. She retired to Sonoma County from San Francisco with her husband, Larry, and their menagerie. She is a hot-air balloon enthusiast, gardener, knitter, and a reader of great books. One year ago she discovered and joined Redwood Writers. Her first piece, “The Doe” appears in *Redemption*, the upcoming Redwood Writers Anthology for 2018. She is grateful for the guidance, the seminars and for a safe place to fall.

## Second Place

### Beth Ann Mathews

### “Perfect Tide”

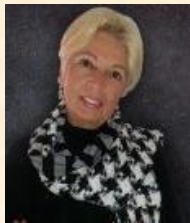


Beth Ann Mathews, M.S., is a marine biologist from Alaska and mother of one son. “Perfect Tide” is a chapter from her upcoming memoir. Catching the Hundred-pound Halibut begins when her adventurous husband, a scientist, suffers a rare type of brainstem stroke. The story reveals the family’s intimate struggles and triumphs through setbacks and victories in his recovery. Forced to face her own deep-seated fears, expeditions on their sailboat in Alaska steer the family toward more fulfilling, connected lives.

## Third Place

### Linda Loveland Reid

### “Only Jewelry”



Linda Loveland Reid is a past president of the Redwood Branch of the California Writers Club. She is the author of two published novels, *Touch of Magenta* and *Something in Stone*. Her writing has won short-story contests and is published in many anthologies. Linda is an instructor for Sonoma State University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute where she teaches art history courses for which she has designed the curriculum. As well, she serves on the institute's curriculum committee. Linda graduated cum laude in history and art history from Sonoma State University. She is the founder of a family insurance business in Santa Rosa, as well as a theater director, and figurative oil painter.

## Honorable Mention Crissi Langwell

### “The First Time”



Crissi Langwell is a Northern California writer, and the author of 10 books. Her passion is the story of the underdog, and her novels include stories of homeless teens, determined heroines, free spirits, and much more. She writes literary fiction, magical realism, women's fiction, and young adult stories. Find her at [crissilangwell.com](http://crissilangwell.com).

## Honorable Mention Ilene English

### “A Gift from the Universe”



Ilene English-Paul has recently completed a memoir entitled *Adventures of a Hippie Chick*. This Honorable Mention award is based on the first chapter of her soon-to-be-published memoir. Ilene is a licensed psychotherapist and divides her time between Sebastopol and Jenner, California.