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FLIGHT FROM FEAR Finalist for Book Award

Sarah Byrn Rickman was a Finalist in the 2003 WILLA Literary Awards — presented annually by the professional writing and marketing organization, Women Writing the West. She attended the WWW annual conference in Tucson to accept her award on October 25th for her novel, ***FLIGHT FROM FEAR***.

The nationally recognized WILLA Awards are named for Pulitzer Prize-winning Nebraska novelist Willa Cather. These awards honor books in several categories featuring women's stories set in the west. Sarah's award was in the Original Softcover category.

FLIGHT FROM FEAR is "A gripping story and well-researched novel based on real characters. Captures the true-life drama of women as pioneers in a new field of flight," said the independent librarian judges of this category. "Gritty and determined, the WASPS provide an engaging tale of perseverance in the face of danger and uncertainty. A good read!"

Based on research into the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) — the women who flew for the U.S. Army in World War II — ***FLIGHT FROM FEAR*** is a quest tale of adventure and romance in the skies over 1940s wartime America. The story is set primarily in Texas and Colorado.

Sarah Byrn Rickman is also the author of ***THE ORIGINALS: The Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron of World War II***, the true story of the WAFS, the first 28 women to fly for the Army in World War II. Both books are available from Disc-Us Books, Santa Fe NM — www.disc-us.com.

This is the second award to come Sarah's way for ***FLIGHT FROM FEAR***. The unpublished manuscript won first place in the Historical Fiction category at the Pikes Peak Writers' Conference in Colorado Springs in 1999. A sequel, ***FLIGHT TO DESTINY*** — based on the WAFS story and still unpublished — won first place in Historical Fiction at Pikes Peak in 2000.

Sarah, a former journalist turned freelance writer and author, is from Centerville, Ohio. A member of Friends of the WASP, she has been researching and writing about the WASP since 1990. Currently, Sarah is working on the biography of WAFS founder and commander, Nancy Harkness Love. She also is conducting WASP oral histories for the WASP Archive at Texas Woman's University.

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