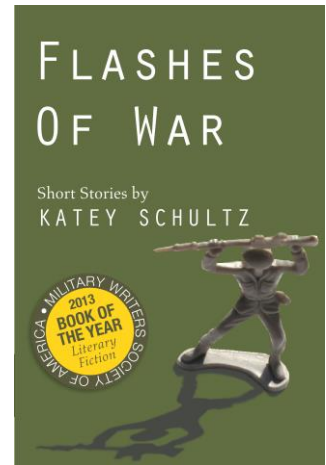


## *Flashes of War Wins* Military Writers Society of America's Gold Medal for Literary Fiction

Katey Schultz's *Flashes of War* was awarded the 2013 Gold Medal Book of the Year for literary fiction by the Military Writers Society of America (MWSA). The MWSA, with more than 900 authors, poets, artists, and photographers, is the largest military writers' organization in the world. They work to help veterans, their families, and historians record history and the complexities of military life.

"The annual awards program is MWSA's most important and exciting function. We focus on content, style, visuals, and technique," said MWSA president and *New York Times* bestselling author Dwight Jon Zimmerman.



The MWSA book awards recognize outstanding military-themed books in a wide range of categories, including fiction, non-fiction, spiritual/religious, poetry, business/how to, and others. Finalists ranged from first-time authors to *New York Times* bestselling writers.

### **On *Flashes of War*:**

**"What really amazes me about Katey's writing is that she has been able to get inside the minds of people in war . . . she hasn't been to Iraq or Afghanistan, but she describes exact situations that I have seen in these places. She creates the scenes, the villages, the people, and the situations perfectly. She is also able to very aptly describe the transitions that people face when returning from war. She's a unique and very, very talented writer."**

**—Jack Segal, senior United States diplomat**

**" . . . a deceptively minimalist style that out-Carvers Carver and exposes the traumas of war without any breast-beating outrage."**

**—Los Angeles Review of Books**

**" . . . these tales are startlingly personal and expose the hearts, minds, and often weary spirits of the characters. Schultz writes crisp, unassuming prose and uses stunning imagery to illuminate otherwise foreign--and even not-so-foreign--hardships."**

**--Bookslut**

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