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JONES, STINE WIN LIFETIME HORROR AWARD

The Horror Writers Association has chosen two long-time icons of the genre to receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award this year. The award, given in recognition of the recipient's overall body of work, will go to Stephen Jones and to R. L. Stine.

Stephen Jones lives in London, England. He is the winner of three World Fantasy Awards, four Horror Writers Association Bram Stoker Awards and three International Horror Guild Awards, as well as being a recipient of twenty-one British Fantasy Awards and a Hugo Award nominee. A former television producer/director and genre movie publicist and consultant (the first three *Hellraiser* movies, *Night Life*, *Nightbreed*, *Split Second*, *Mind Ripper*, *Last Gasp* etc.), he is the editor or co-editor of *Horror: 100 Best Books*, *A Book of Horrors*, *Psycho-Mania*, the *Dark Voices*, *Dark Terrors*, *Fantasy Tales*, *Zombie Apocalypse!*, and *Best New Horror* series, and dozens more.

HWA President Rocky Wood said, "This is the second year in three we have recognized an Editor with the Lifetime Achievement Award – editing is a crucial skill in our genre, where anthologies regularly showcase the best of horror writing. Stephen Jones, in his capacity as editor of both the annual *Best New Horror* series and as editor of dozens of stand-alone anthologies and author of nonfiction titles, has had a profound impact on the genre and we are pleased to recognize him with our genre's highest award."

R.L. Stine is one of the best-selling children's authors in history. His *Goosebumps* series for young people has sold over 300 million copies in this country alone and has become a publishing phenomenon in 32 languages around the world. Other popular children's book series include *Fear Street*, *Mostly Ghostly*, *The Nightmare Room*, and *Rotten School*. R.L.'s anthology TV horror series, *R.L. Stine's The Haunting Hour*, recently won an Emmy Award as Best Children's Show. The original *Goosebumps* TV shows are still shown on TV and on Netflix, and a *Goosebumps* feature film is currently in

production. 2014 marks the 22nd anniversary of *Goosebumps*, which means that he has frightened several generations of kids. Many of his original readers are now in their twenties and thirties and have been enjoying his adult horror novels, which include *Red Rain*, *The Sitter*, *Eye Candy* and *Superstitious*. *Eye Candy* is being developed by MTV as a TV series starring Victoria Justice, to begin in January. The *Fear Street* teen horror book series, which was published from 1989 to 1995, is being revived. R.L. will write six new novels, the first to be published this October. R.L. Stine lives in New York City with his wife Jane, an editor and publisher.

"For millions of young readers," HWA President Rocky Wood noted, "R. L. Stine IS horror. His books have shared the fun and thrill of being scared with children, teenagers, and adults worldwide for the past twenty-five years. Whether his readers went on to become lifelong fans of the genre or eventually moved on to books with fewer evil living ventriloquist dummies, the influence of Mr. Stine is vast and undeniable. His efforts to thrill generations are greatly appreciated by the Horror Writers Association, and it is with respect that we present him with the Lifetime Achievement Award."

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious of the Bram Stoker Awards, given by the HWA in acknowledgment of superior achievement not just in a single work but over an entire career. Past Lifetime Achievement Award winners include such noted authors as Stephen King, Anne Rice, Joyce Carol Oates, Ray Bradbury, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, Ramsey Campbell and Peter Straub. Winners must have exhibited a profound, positive impact on the fields of horror and dark fantasy, and be at least sixty years of age or have been published for a minimum of thirty-five years. Recipients are chosen annually by a committee.

The LAAs will be presented on May 10th as part of the Bram Stoker Awards® Banquet at the World Horror Convention 2014 in Portland, Oregon. Jones will be on hand in person to accept.

The Horror Writers Association is a worldwide organization promoting dark literature and its creators. Started in 1985, it has over 1,200 members who are writing professionally in fiction, nonfiction, videogames, films, comics, and other media.

To learn more about this year's winners, visit them online. Stine can be found at www.rlstine.com and Jones at www.stephenjoneseditor.com . Photos of the winners may be downloaded at <http://www.horror.org/stokers2014/laa.html> .

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Note: The conference and the awards banquet are open to the public. For more information about the HWA, the Bram Stoker Awards® or the World Horror Convention, please visit <http://www.horror.org> and www.worldhorror2014.org