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In its third year, three of Scarletta's books  
are recognized by MIPA

MINNEAPOLIS (APRIL 2008)—Scarletta Press, celebrating its third year of independent publishing, is pleased to announce that all three of its 2007 releases are finalists for the Midwest Book Awards, sponsored by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association (MIPA).

*Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles* (ISBN 978-0-9765201-3-9), by first-time novelist Charles Locks, is a finalist in the Commercial Fiction category. This Caribbean caper is an entertaining mix of shady characters, sunny places and escapist tropical fiction, written in a high literary style. *Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles* was discovered by The Queue, a sister organization to Scarletta Press. The Queue awards publication spots to superb manuscripts, including those that might otherwise go unrecognized by mainstream publishers.

*The New Writer's Handbook 2007* (ISBN 978-0-9765201-6-0), edited by Philip Martin, is a Reference finalist. Lead off with a preface by Erica Jong, this book offers sixty articles of eclectic advice from the craft of writing to internet marketing. Authors include National Book Award and Newbery Medal winners, *New York Times* bestsellers, along with journalists, writing instructors and bloggers.

*Willow in a Storm* (ISBN 978-0-9765201-5-3), by James Peter Taylor and Kathleen Murphy-Taylor, is a Biography/Memoir finalist. With the help of his wife, Taylor recounts the events of his unusual life, including more than forty years spent incarcerated. Taylor received a life sentence at age 30 when he unintentionally killed a man during a robbery. How he managed to make it to parole is a story of hope and self-empowerment. *Willow in a Storm* was also originally a submission to The Queue.

The Midwest Book Awards will be announced on May 14, 2008, at the Minnesota Humanities Center (987 East Ivy Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106) from 6:30-8:30 P.M.

For more information about Scarletta Press or its award-winning books, please go to <http://www.scarlettapress.com>.

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