

Press Release

The Art of Being Wins Nautilus Gold Award

NEW YORK CITY - The Nautilus Awards, begun 9 years ago, “are designed to recognize books and audio books that promote growth, conscious living and positive social change and stimulate the ‘imagination’ and inspire the reader to ‘new possibilities’ for a better world.”... “Since ancient times, storytellers and scribes worldwide have gathered and shared the culture's words and ideas in ways that encourage its people to think, feel, and improve the lives of upcoming generations.”... At Nautilus they “look for distinguished literary and heartfelt contributions to spiritual growth, conscious living, high-level wellness, green values, responsible leadership and positive social change as well as too the worlds of art, creativity and inspirational readings for children, teens and young adults.”

The Nautilus Award have “a unique three-tier system of judging books that offers a deliberate course of examination and scrutiny designed to sort and separate books as they are measured against a carefully prepared list of notable characteristics. The goal of this judging process is long and labor intensive, and is carried out by three teams of highly qualified, experienced reviewers located across the U.S. whose successful careers as editors, writers, librarians, school teachers and bookstore owners are only equaled by their vision for books that offer new ideas and options for a better world for everyone.”

“This is a multifaceted process that is carefully planned and professionally accomplished. Each judge uses a meticulously prepared Evaluation Form for judging each book, assigning individual scores to a long list of parameters - which will determine the rating for each book. Two judges must agree on each silver winner - and consensus is required for the Gold Winners.”

This is a process that Marilyn Maguire & Associates, who initiated and manage the award selection, have evolved over time. It is the purpose of the Nautilus Awards “to seek, review and acknowledge books we feel best support our goal to promote spiritual growth, conscious living and positive social change - with the hope of changing the world one book at a time.” Dennis Merritt Jones, in receiving the Gold Award for *The Art of Being ~ 101 Ways to Practice Purpose in Your Life*, stated that he is truly honored to have received the Gold Award and to be in the esteemed company of all those who contribute to improving our world - one book at a time.

For information about the Nautilus Book awards, go to www.nautilusbookawards.com. For information about Dennis Merritt Jones and *The Art of Being ~ 101 Ways to Practice Purpose in Your Life*, go to www.DennisMerrittJones.com.

