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Southern Author Receives National Recognition

BEVERLY HILLS, CA -- The fifth annual International Beverly Hills Book Awards® recognized *The Actress*, by Memphis author, Michael Hicks Thompson, as the winner in the Religion Fiction category.

The competition is judged by experts from all aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, and book cover designers. They select award winners and finalists based on overall excellence.

One reviewer, James A. Cox, Editor-in-Chief, Midwest Book Review, wrote about *The Actress*, “A unique, exceptionally well written, and inherently fascinating read from cover to cover.”

“*The Actress* is a Christian murder mystery that takes place in the late-1950s,” Thompson says. “The most famous actress in America, Tallulah Ivey, is in the Mississippi Delta to film a controversial movie. A prominent local citizen is shot and killed outside her bedroom window. A note is found clenched in the dead man’s hand. The note holds the key to Ivey’s guilt or innocence. Was it self-defense? Murder? Or something else? It’s a twisty, suspenseful murder mystery.”

Thompson’s first novel in the *Solo* series, *The Rector*, has already won four major literary awards. *Publisher’s Weekly* calls it “An engaging, high-energy murder mystery.”

A complete list of winners can be found at <http://www.bhbookawards.com>.

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