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East Moline resident, local author and former **Quad City Times** film and book critic **Connie (Corcoran)**

### **Wilson and Dispatch**

columnist was awarded the

**IWPA (Illinois Women's Press Association)**

**Silver Feather trophy**

on

**Saturday, June 2,  
2012**

, at the Union Club in downtown Chicago by the  
**Chicago branch of IWPA (Illinois Women's Press  
Association**

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*See .jpeg, attached, of Connie Wilson, I, and Contest Organizer Diedre Sommerville, R, with trophy*  
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Wilson's entries in a variety of journalistic categories were selected by an independent panel of journalists. Her articles, both print and online, and the 4 books she published this year, as well as her own blog entries at **WeeklyWilson.com** and **Yahoo**, where she is a Featured Contributor, will go on to national competition at the **NWPA (National Women's Press Association)** level. Wilson was film and book critic for the *Quad City Times* for approximately 15 years, from 1970 into the early 1980s.

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Since 2003, Ms. Wilson has published 14 books as **Connie Corcoran Wilson**, one of which (***The Color of Evil***) was recently awarded the **Gold Medal in the E-Lit book** competition by the Jenkins group. [\*All books are available locally on the shelves of the *Book Rack* in Moline and Bettendorf, and through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, in both paperback and E-book versions.]

Wilson will be a presenter at the **Hawaii Writers' Conference**, now known as **Spellbinders Writers' Conference** ([www.SpellbindersConference.com](http://www.SpellbindersConference.com)), from August 31 through September 3rd in Honolulu, Hawaii. Presenters include 1992 Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley (*A Thousand Acres*), special guests Garry Marshall and John Travolta, Jon Land (the *Caitlin Strong* series), F. Paul Wilson (the *Repairman Jack* series), Heather Graham (*The Unseen*), Jacqueline Mitchard (*The Deep End of the Ocean*), Gary Braver, and GaryWhitta (*The Book of Eli*), among others, along with literary agents from many New York City agencies. Wilson also will be in attendance at **ITW (International Thriller Writers) Thrillerfest** in New York City July 10th-14th, and has written author interviews for the **ITW** newsletter.