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“Amazing Grays” wins Second Place in the Non-Fiction Aging Category in Reader Views Annual Literary Awards

Maggie Rose Crane - the “Midlife Midwife” receives kudos for her book that helps women give birth to their second half of life – without all the unnecessary labor pains!

Austin, Texas. April 2, 2009 - *Amazing Grays – A Woman’s Guide to Making the Next 50 the BEST 50 (Regardless of your hair color!)* by Maggie Rose Crane was selected as the Second Place Winner in the Non-Fiction Aging & Retirement category by Reader Views Annual Literary Awards – Reviewers Choice. Reader Views is an author support service based in Austin, Texas. The annual awards were established to honor writers who had their books published by a small press, university press, or independent book publisher. The 2009 awards recognize books published in 2008.

“[Reader Views](#) reviews more than 2,000 books per year from budding authors who have worked hard to achieve their dream of being published,” Reader Views Managing Editor Irene Watson says. “Our Annual Literary Awards recognize the very best of these up-and-coming authors, all talented writers whom we know have very promising writing careers ahead of them.”

The Reader Views Annual Literary Awards are granted in fiction and nonfiction categories, as well as regional, global and specialized sponsored categories. The entries are first read and judged by Reader Views reviewers, all avid readers with a wide range of experiences, considered experts in the respective fields. The second line judges make the final decision.

About *Amazing Grays*

Balanced somewhere between a memoir and a how-to, [Amazing Grays](#) is a candid look at midlife for those unwilling to become feeble old women with boobs in their laps, dreams on the shelf, and “Memory Lane” their only destination.

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Born on the leading edge of the Baby Boom generation, [Maggie Crane](#) exposes the fears and anxieties that often haunt maturing women – and reveals how to navigate the turbulence with wisdom, perspective and a deepening spiritual awareness. She encourages women to relish their roles as Amazing Grays (regardless of their hair color!)— and not waste time and energy trying to hang on to the past.

Crane considers herself a “Midlife Midwife” and is a sought-after workshop leader, speaking with women on topics related to the midlife journey. She also serves as a guest editor for the Dove Real Women/Real Beauty Campaign website. Born and raised in Milwaukee, WI Maggie now resides in San Diego CA.

“Amazing Grays – A Woman’s Guide to Making the Next 50 the BEST 50 (Regardless of your hair color!)” 978-0-9660874-99, FTA Press, can be purchased at www.maggiocrane.com or any online or local bookstore.

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