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**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA – MORE AWARDS FOR AUTHOR KATRINA SHAWVER.** Author Katrina Shawver, author of the award-winning continues to garner awards for her award-winning book *HENRY: A Polish Swimmer's True Story of Friendship from Auschwitz to America* (Köehler Books, November 2017).

**On October 27, 2018 the Polish American Congress Arizona Division awarded Katrina Shawver the 2018 Polish Heritage Award for “her contribution to the documentation of the suffering inflicted on Polish People during the Holocaust.”** The award was presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish Heritage Ball held in Phoenix Arizona in front of a crowd of 190 people. This is one of their highest awards and is rarely awarded to someone who is not Polish.

**Additionally, the 2018 Arizona Authors Association Literary Contest awarded *HENRY: A Polish Swimmer's True Story of Friendship from Auschwitz to America* First Place for Published Nonfiction.**

These awards are in addition to previous awards already received:

2018 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award – **Silver for Biography**

2017 The Wishing Shelf Book Awards (UK) – **Gold for Adult Non-Fiction**

2018 Reader Views Literary Awards – Winner in Four categories:

**First Place Biography, First Place Regional, Best Nonfiction Book of the Year, Best Regional Book of the Year**

2018 Feathered Quill Book Award – **Second Place for Historical**

2017 Advice Books (Italy) – **Voted Best of 2017**

This incredible true story is both a witness to the Holocaust through Polish eyes and the story of how Henry Zguda, a Polish (Catholic) competitive swimmer, survives Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps by his wits, humor, luck, and friends.

## **BIO**

Katrina Shawver is an experienced writer, blogger, speaker, and author. She spent fifteen years researching WWII, Poland, Auschwitz, and the Holocaust. She began her writing career more than twenty years ago by writing hundreds of newspaper columns for the *Arizona Republic*. For more information visit [katrinashawver.com](http://katrinashawver.com) where she blogs regularly.

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