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Author **Don Smarto** has won the 2011 ©**Angel Award** for his book **Heart of the Young Gladiator**. Mr. Smarto has won sixteen ©**Angel Awards** for his books and documentary films since 1994, one of the highest numbers of awards given to one person in the thirty year history of the organization.

The © **Angel Award** is given by the Excellence in Media organization “**honoring works of outstanding moral, ethical, and social impact.**” Nominated media are judged by members of The Los Angeles Press Club, National Association of Broadcasters, National Association for Community and Family Education, and the Hollywood Press Club. Individual judges are writers, journalists, and screenplay writers with “expertise and outstanding accomplishment in the media field.”

“Heart of the Young Gladiator deserves this award” said EIM spokesperson Ken Dorr “because **it is a work of outstanding social impact.** Mr. Smarto has contributed to the advancement of quality in life with this sensitive and moving book. It raises our spirits and **enlightens our examination of forgotten lives.**”

Previous © **Angel Award** winners have been **Tom Hanks, Bill Cosby, Steve Martin, Art Linkletter, Randy Travis, George Burns, Pat Boone and Roy Rogers.**

