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## Local Author's Hopeful Message Honored in Fiction Book Award

*'The Webs of Varok' named among 2013 Nautilus silver medalists,  
'Better Books for a Better World'*

The second novel of longtime Los Alamos, New Mexico resident Cary Neeper, *The Webs of Varok* has been named a silver medalist in the 2013 Nautilus Book Awards. In keeping with the motto "Better Books for a Better World," the Nautilus awards recognize print books of all genres that inspire readers to explore new possibilities for positive change, whether personal, social or global. *The Webs of Varok* received a silver medal in the Nautilus mid-grade/teen fiction category.

Released in December 2012, *The Webs of Varok* follows the human and alien cast from Neeper's 1975 first-contact novel *A Place Beyond Man* as they leave a troubled 21<sup>st</sup> Century Earth for the promise of stability on a veiled moon of Jupiter. This young-adult/crossover science fiction novel explores solutions for a sustainable and equitable economy through the adventures of its multi-world family, as they untangle a web of deceit to protect their new home and their family bonds.

"*The Webs of Varok* is the story of a mixed family gambling their trust in each other against the power of greed," Neeper said. "Their challenges and progress on an alien world threatened by overgrowth portray in fiction some positive solutions to our current dilemmas here on Earth." Free preview chapters and additional material from the book are available on the *Archives of Varok* series website at [ArchivesofVarok.com](http://ArchivesofVarok.com).

The Nautilus Book Awards marked their 13<sup>th</sup> year with the 2013 awards announcement. The award website notes: "Gold and Silver awards are given to print books of exceptional merit that make a literary and heartfelt contribution to spiritual growth, conscious living, high-level wellness, green values, responsible leadership and positive social change, as well as to the worlds of art, creativity and inspiration." More information about the awards and their library of winning titles is available at [www.nautilusbookawards.com/](http://www.nautilusbookawards.com/).

Dr. Cary Neeper is an avid student of sustainability, steady-state economics and the impact of cosmology on issues of science and religion. In addition to the *Archives of Varok* novels, she has written two musical science fiction comedies and book reviews for *The Christian Science Monitor*. She studied zoology/chemistry and religion at Pomona College and earned her doctorate in medical microbiology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison before moving with her husband to Los Alamos to raise their family. The Neepers still live in northern New Mexico with a friendly menagerie of dogs, fish and fowl. Cary paints landscapes in acrylics, including the cover art for *The Webs of Varok*, and blogs at [CaryNeeper.com/blog.htm](http://CaryNeeper.com/blog.htm).

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