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Dear Pede Hollist,

Congratulations.

African Literature Association (ALA) **Book of the Year Award – Creative Writing** (2013, awarded April 11, 2014).

This award is for an outstanding book of African literature, whether novel, non-fiction prose, play, or poetry collection, published in the preceding calendar year (2012) by an African writer.

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The WINNER: Pede Hollist, for *So the Path Does Not Die*, published by Langaa Press in Bamenda, Cameroon (2012). This award comes with \$250.00 CASH AWARD

Citation:

“A novel written in the form of a memoir, it tells the story of coming into age, or gaining a consciousness amongst the ruins, human and physical, of a country. It builds on a known tradition - Chinua Achebe, who is a reference for the writer - and manages through descriptions but also through parsed dialogues, to give a voice to characterization. One gets an idea of schooling, of friendships, of humor in relationships, and of challenges facing the protagonists. The narrative tension is kept alive by a manner of writing that is quite settled. There is a clear mastery of the art of the sentence. The novel is written in a realist mode, which is certainly a necessary condition for a Sierra Leone that still has to tell its tale in a cogent manner. The novel is quite a significant contribution to African writing in this regard, and very worthy of the award.”

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