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**ATLANTA MAGAZINE'S PAIGE WILLIAMS WINS  
A NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD**

ATLANTA – *Atlanta* magazine is pleased to announce that deputy editor Paige Williams won the 2008 National Magazine Award for feature writing. Presented each year by the American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) these awards are the highest honor in the magazine business. More than 1,964 entries from 333 print and online magazines were submitted in this year's contest, with awards presented to 25 winners in a ceremony in New York on May 1.

Williams won for the article "You Have Thousands of Angels Around You" (October 2007). Describing the article, ASME's judges wrote: "Without a trace of false sentimentality, Paige Williams tells the stop-you-in-your-tracks tale of a teenager who survived a war, lost her entire family, fled two continents and wound up in Atlanta, where she is helped in her claim on a bright future by an unlikely network of 'angels,' including a middle class family and an indefatigable immigration attorney who plucks her case from obscurity."

Other nominees in the feature-writing category were *New York*, *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair*, and *GQ* magazines.

This is the first National Magazine Award for *Atlanta* magazine. "We are thrilled that Paige's enormous talent was recognized by our peers," says Rebecca Burns, editor in chief. "We are also deeply rewarded that this particular story was honored. Beyond delivering readers an amazing read, Paige's piece introduced them to a community too few Atlantans realize exists in our city." Atlanta, according to the Washington, D.C.,-based Migration Policy Institute, is the number-nine metropolitan area for refugee settlement, offering asylum to more refugees than such cities as Miami or San Francisco.

Paige Williams' article can be read on the magazine's website, [atlantamagazine.com](http://atlantamagazine.com).

For more on ASME and the awards, go to [magazine.org/editorial/about\\_asme/press\\_releases](http://magazine.org/editorial/about_asme/press_releases).

Since 1961, *Atlanta* magazine has served as the authority on Atlanta, providing its readers with a mix of long-form nonfiction, lively lifestyle coverage, in-depth service journalism, and literary essays, columns, and profiles.

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