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**AuthorHouse Title a Finalist in 2010 Book of the Year Awards**

*Winners Will be Announced at the American Library Association Annual Conference*

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** (June 22, 2011) – At the upcoming 2011 [American Library Association](http://www.ala.org/) (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans this June 23-28, winners of *ForeWord Reviews*’ 2010 Book of the Year Awards will be announced. Among the finalists is AuthorHouse (an imprint of Author Solutions, Inc.) title, *Local Tribes,* by Thomas Hansen Hickenbottom.

Hickenbottom’s title, [*Local Tribes*](http://www.amazon.com/Local-Tribes-Thomas-Hansen-Hickenbottom/dp/1452043663),is a gripping, intense drama of a young man's search for his ultimate truths in a hostile world. Set in 1966, nineteen-year-old Marco D'Giorgio has some tough choices to make with his draft notice from the U.S. Army. Riddled with the emotions surrounding the recent death of his father and other family secrets, Marco must choose flee or obey his orders to serve. *Local Tribes* will be on display in the Author Solutions booth, #2623, at ALA.

According to *ForeWord*'s website, their [Book of the Year Awards](http://www.forewordreviews.com/services/book-awards/botya/) program was created to spotlight distinctive books from independent publishers. Representing more than 350 publishers, the Book of the Year finalists were selected from 1,400 entries in 56 categories. These books are examples of independent publishing at its finest. The winners will be determined by a panel of librarians and booksellers selected from their readership. The ceremony is open to all ALA attendees and exhibiting publishers.

In addition to the indie book gallery in booth #2623, Author Solutions publishing professionals will be on hand to consult with aspiring authors. Representatives of all ASI imprints, including AuthorHouse, iUniverse, Xlibris and Trafford Publishing, will be available to help authors determine which publishing options fit their goals best.

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