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**IndieReader Announces the Winners of the 2018
“IndieReader Discovery Awards” at BEA**

6/4/18, Montclair, New Jersey—On Saturday, 6/2, Robin Cutler, Director of IngramSpark, and Amy Edelman, founder of IndieReader, announced the winners of the 8th annual “IndieReader Discovery Awards” (IRDA) at BookCon, in New York City.

[IndieReader](#), the essential consumer guide to self-published books and the people who write them, created the IRDAs to give indie authors access to people who can make a difference in their book’s success. With the rush by traditional publishers to sign them and their noteworthy bestselling status, there’s no longer much doubt that indie authors can be both commercially and creatively successful. All that was left to do was create a credible vehicle by which to find them. That’s where the IRDAs come in. While writing a great book is the first step, getting it in front of the right people—be they readers or agents—is also a critical part of making an indie book a success. To that end, judges on the IRDA panel include PR and publishing professionals, editors, book designers, professional reviewers and more. Winners will have their titles submitted to New York literary agents Dystal, Goderich & Bourret for representation consideration.

Judging is based on the quality of writing and the originality of the story.

There is a first, second and third place winner for fiction and non-fiction categories, 32 category winners and two winners each for BEST FIRST BOOK and BEST COVER DESIGN (for fiction and non-fiction).

The winners, judges, the genre and the authors contact information follows below.

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Fiction

First Place

Finn Bell / *Pancake Money*

Categories: Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

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Second Place

Kathryn Biel / *Live for This*

Category: Women's Fiction

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Third Place

William Peace / *Seeking Father Khaliq*

Categories: Inspirational/Spiritual

Contact: bill@williampeace.net

Non-Fiction

First Place

Janet Maker, Ph.D. / *The Thinking Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer*

Category: Health/Medicine/Nutrition

Contact: porterbookpromotions@gmail.com

Second Place

Anne H Janzer / *The Workplace Writer's Process*

Categories: Writing/Publishing / Business

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Third Place

Mara M. Zimmerman / *How to Meditate and Why*

Category: Self-Help

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CATGEORY WINNERS

Best First Book (Fiction) - Ivan Obolensky/ *Eye of the Moon*
Best First Book (Non-Fiction) - Heather Sears/ *Mind to Mouth*
Best Book Cover (Fiction) – Marlene M Bell/ *Stolen Obsession*
Best Book Cover (Non-Fiction) - Thomas Richard Harry/ *God Versus the Idea of God*

Action/Adventure - Joe L. Blevins/ *Double Trouble Double Trouble*
Anthology - Heidi Stock/ *Mentor Me: Instruction and Advice for Aspiring Writers*
Biography - Russel Lazega/ *Managing Bubbie*
Business - Anthony Paustian, Ph.D./ *A Quarter Million Steps*
Chick Lit - Kathryn Biel/ *Made for Me*
Children's (Early to intermediate readers) - Heather Lester / *I Love You For You*
Erotica - Kilby Blades/ *The Art of Worship*
Fantasy - Richard Nell/ *Kings of Paradise*
Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans Fiction - Kristen Wolf/ *Escapement*
Gift/Holiday/Specialty - Aron Kuehnemann/ *Art: Become Confident Fast*
Health/Medicine/Nutrition - Gustavo J. Gomez, Ph.D. / *Hair Loss*
Historical Fiction - Ellen Butler/ *The Brass Compass*
History - Frederic H Martini/ *Betrayed*
How-To - Yvonne Jones/ *How To Self-Publish A Children's Book*
Humor – Mark A. Rayner / *The Fatness*
Lit Fiction - Kyle Jarrard / *The Old World Dies*
Memoir - Toni Nunemaker/ *Hey Nana!*
Mystery/Suspense/Thriller - Finn Bell / *Dead Lemons*
New Adult - J.P. Maximus/ *The Speechwriter*
Paranormal - RD Meyer/ *Salvation Day*
Poetry - Margot Nothing / *Out of Something Ugly*
Popular Fiction - Bevan Frank / *The Mind of God*
Psychology/Mental Health - Frank South/ *A Chicken in the Wind and How He Grew*
Religion - Julie Hall / *Huntress*
Romance - L.G. O'Connor/ *Surrender My Heart*
Science Fiction - Brad Rau / *Caveman at the End of the World*
Self-Help - Raimond Volpe/ *Success1010 For Living*
Short Stories - Scott Semegran/ *Boys*
Women's Fiction - Norman Whaler/ *Tiny Tim and The Ghost of Ebenezer Scrooge*
Women's Issues - Anne Michaud / *Why They Stay*
Writing/Publishing - W. Nikola-Lisa/ *Dog Eared*
YA – Melanie Ansley / *Theo and the Forbidden Language*

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2018 PANEL OF JUDGES

Agent

The top 6 winning titles will be submitted to Dystal, Goderich & Bourret for representation consideration

Book Designer (judged cover design category)

Joel Friedlander, THE BOOK DESIGNER

Editor

Rebecca Heyman, REEDSY

Photographer (judged cover design category)

Phil Leo

Publicist

Sandra Smith, President, SMITH PUBLICITY

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Myra Forsberg, Indie Editor, KIRKUS REVIEWS

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