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Announcing 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards Results 12th Annual IPPY Awards to be presented in Los Angeles on May 30th

It's an honor to present the winners of this year's Awards, and we sincerely congratulate and thank all entrants for their participation.

Here are this year's Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists in our National categories, Outstanding Book of the Year categories, and Best Regional Fiction & Best Regional Non-Fiction categories.

As our contest motto, "Recognizing Excellence in Independent Publishing" implies, here is a list of 450 excellent books -- the best independently published books of the past year -- in 64 national categories, ten Outstanding Book of the Year categories, and 20 Best Regional Fiction and Non-Fiction categories.



This year's contest attracted 3,175 total entries, with over 2,500 entries in the national categories and over 600 entries in the regional competition. Books came from 49 U.S. states (come on, North Dakota!), D.C., and U.S. Virgin Islands; 9 Canadian provinces (get with it, Northwest Territories!), and 16 countries around the world: Trinidad to Thailand, Croatia to Czech Republic, and France to Finland. It's been a privilege to judge such a large and wonderfully eclectic collection of books.

The medal-winning books listed below come from 44 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia and U.S. Virgin Islands; 7 Canadian provinces; and 5 countries overseas. These books come not only from diverse locations, but also diverse personalities and viewpoints. This list represents the cutting-edge of independent thinking and expression.

The quality of this year's entries is totally amazing, and judging was difficult, as we saw better designed books, read higher quality writing, and were exposed to a more sophisticated concepts. We were impressed with the in-depth research in our non-fiction and current events entries, the important breakthroughs in our science and health entries, and the breathtaking artwork and photography in our fine arts and coffee table book entries. This list could've been even longer, but we've tried to highlight the best of the best.

We present these awards in hopes that all of these books and their authors will be recognized for their excellence, and get all the attention they deserve.

Congratulations to all!

2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards Outstanding Books of the Year

For 25 years our mission at Independent Publisher has been to recognize and encourage the work of publishers who exhibit the courage and creativity necessary to take chances, break new ground, and bring about change, not only to the world of publishing, but to our society. These nominees were chosen from our regular entries for exemplifying this daring spirit. Here are the medalists in this year's Outstanding Book of the Year categories.

Most Original Concept

Gold: *Divided Portraits: Identity and Disability*, by Hilary Cooper (Umbrage Editions)

Silver (tie): *Excursions in Geography*, by James W. Lett, Ph.D. (Indian River Community College Foundation d/b/a Pioneer River Press) and *The Little Man in the Map*, by E. Andrew Martonyi (Schoolside Press)

Bronze: *And Grace Will Lead Me Home: Images of the Prodigal Son*, by Robert M. Brusich (Lutheran University Press)

Most Outstanding Design

Gold: *The Gettysburg Address*, Inscribed and Illustrated by Sam Fink (Welcome Books)

Silver: *Red Carpet: 20 Years of Fame and Fashion*, Photographs by Frank Trapper; Edited by Katrina Fried (Welcome Books)

Bronze: *The Tao of Rudy*, by Corinne Humphrey (Sage Press)

Best Book Arts Craftsmanship

Gold: *McSweeney's Issue 22*, designed by Dave Eggers and Eli Horowitz (McSweeney's Books)

Silver: *Mont-Saint-Michel*, by Michael Kenna and Henry Adams (21st Editions)

Bronze: *A Reproduction if Facsimile of Hamlet from the First Folio of 1623*, introduction by Charles Adams Kelly (Triple Anvil Press)

Story Teller of the Year

Gold: *Clown Girl*, by Monica Drake (Hawthorne Books)

Silver: *Splattery*, by Stephen T. Savage (iUniverse)

Bronze: *Drawers and Booths*, by Ara 13 (CovingtonMoore, Inc.)

Most Inspirational to Youth

Gold: *Incredibly Lonely, That's Me*, by Ben Keckler (Eagle Creek Publications, LLC)

Silver: *Letters From Katrina*, by Mark Hoog (Growing Field Books)

Bronze: *A Promise to Our Child*, by Anthony Muchina (Life Issues Publishing)

Most Life-Changing

Gold: *Finding Grace*, by Lynn Blodgett (Earth Aware Editions)

Silver: *Mugshots: A Celebration of the Journey from Ruin to Redemption*, by Jason Porath and Jonas Mohr (Real Deal Media)

Bronze: *Lisa's Story: The Other Shoe*, by Tom Batiuk (Kent State University Press)

Most Likely to Save the Planet

Gold (tie): *Water Voices from Around the World*, edited by William E. Marks (William E. Marks, Publishers) and *Blue Planet Run*, by Rick Smolan (Earth Aware Editions)

Silver: *Wake Up and Smell the Planet*, by Grist (Mountaineers Books)

Bronze: *Sacred Land: Intuitive Gardening for Personal, Political & Environmental Change*, by Clea Danaan (Llewellyn Publications)

Most Progressive Health Book

Gold: *Shedding Light on Genetically Engineered Food*, by Beth H. Harrison, PhD (iUniverse)

Silver: *Your Right to Know: Genetic Engineering and the Secret Changes in Your Food*, by Andrew Kimbrell (Earth Aware Editions)

Bronze: *The Miracle of Bio-Identical Hormones*, by Michael E. Platt, MD (Clancy Lane Publishing)

Peacemaker of the Year

Gold: *Bones That Float: A Story of Adopting Cambodia*, by Kari Grady Grossman (Wild Heaven Press)

Silver: *Lives in the Balance: The Street People of Asia*, Jimmy Lam (Marshall Cavendish)

Bronze: *That the World May Know: Bearing Witness to Atrocity*, by James Dawes (Harvard University Press)

Freedom Fighter Award

Gold: *The Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs – Series 1*, Tamarah Feder, Managing Editor and Program Manager (The Azrieli Foundation)

Silver: *The End of America: Letter of Warning to a Young Patriot*, by Naomi Wolf (Chelsea Green Publishing)

Bronze: *America's Conscience: Facing Threats to Democracy, the Middle Class and Our World*, by Bernadette T. Vadurro (Speakers Live Books)