

# NATIONAL INDIE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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### Announcing The 19th Annual National Indie Excellence® Awards Results

LOS ANGELES, June 19th, 2025 — The National Indie Excellence® Awards (NIEA), a long-standing leader in recognizing exceptional independently published books, is proud to announce the results of its 19th Annual competition.

Open to recent English-language books in print, the NIEA honors titles from self-published authors and small to mid-sized presses across all genres. The judging for this year's contest is complete, and the full list of Winners and Finalists is now available online, along with recipients of the Sponsorship Prizes and Juror's Choice Awards.

NIEA celebrates the physical book as a cornerstone of the publishing industry, recognizing excellence in both content and presentation. Since 2005, the awards have championed independent authors and publishers who produce high-quality books. Entries are evaluated by a panel of industry professionals—including publishers, authors, editors, and book designers—using a rigorous set of criteria.

Winners and Finalists are selected based on written content as well as the overall design, function, and informational quality of the publication. Each submission undergoes thorough individual review before jurors reach a consensus.

Sponsorship Awards provide recipients with valuable professional development opportunities, including consultations, marketing, and distribution support. Additionally, three standout titles from among all Winners and Finalists are honored with Juror's Choice Awards, which include monetary prizes. This year's Juror's Choice awards were selected by author, editor, and coach Zoë Ruiz.

All awardees are also eligible for a complimentary listing in the NIEA Speaker's Bureau.

"Self-published, independent authors, and small to midsize publishers continue to impress with strong entries across every genre. Final decisions made by our jurors often come down to the narrowest of margins when selecting a single Winner per category. The Team at NIEA are proud to stand behind each awardee as representatives of Excellence in their craft and the enduring value of books in print today."

— Doug Fogelson, NIEA President