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IP FEATURE

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.

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.

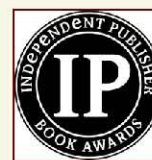
Story Teller of the Year

- Gold:** *Clown Girl*, by Monica Drake (Hawthorne Books)
- Silver:** *Splattery*, by Stephen T. Savage (iUniverse)
- Bronze:** *Drawers and Booths*, by Ara 13 (CovingtonMoore, Inc.)



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12th Annual Independent Publisher Book Awards - Entry for the 2008 IPPYs is now closed. Thanks and good luck to all participants!



Independent Publisher Book Awards (since 1996) award the best indie-published books of the year in 65 categories. [Click here to receive 2009 I.P. Book Awards entry \(for 2008 releases\) info.](#)



The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are designed to honor the best children's books, authors and illustrators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading. Entry for the 2008 awards is now open.

[Click here to receive entry guidelines for the 2008 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards for 2007/2008 copyrights and releases.](#)

2007 MOONBEAM CHILDRENS BOOK AWARD results were announced on November 3, 2007 in Chicago, in conjunction with the Childrens Humanities Festival (see article at left).



Introducing the **Axiom Business Book Awards** - 25 business book categories. **Entry for 2008 Awards is now closed, and results were announced on March 10, 2008. [Click here to receive 2009 Axiom Awards \(for 2008 releases\) email updates.](#)**