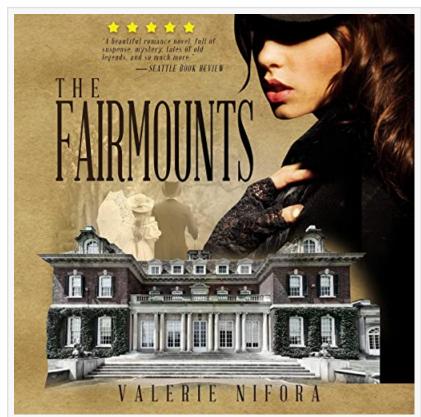


## Author Valerie Nifora receives international recognition through the INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD®

The Fairmounts begins this captivating romantic fiction series. Adore impassioned characters, mysterious revelations, & selfless sacrifice in this tale.

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, May 17, 2023
/EINPresswire.com/ -- The INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD recognized The Fairmounts by Valerie Nifora in the category of audiobooks as a distinguished favorite.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters. Selected IPA Award Winners and Distinguished Favorites are based on overall excellence.



The Fairmounts

The Fairmounts, the first in a historical romance series, is set in the turn of the century that follows the story of Harry LaCroix, a veteran returning home from the African Wars. Harry hopes to forget the horrors of battle and settle into a quiet life as a solicitor with his last living relative and closest confident Lois Fairmount. Through a chance encounter, Harry falls for a beautiful heiress with a missing fortune. Embarking on a journey to uncover the truth, Harry sets events in motion that places him in the very center of a dangerous game of wealthy politics and jealousy.

The Fairmounts dazzle with its depth of detail, intrigue, and use of language while Nifora's style is reminiscent of classic romantic tales. Readers will be drawn in by the true to life characters, while the mystery in the story will keep them hooked.

"The story came to me in a dream," Valerie Nifora explains, "and I knew I had to write it. I hope whoever reads it falls in love with the characters as much as I have and remembers you can create something good out of broken pieces."

In 2023, the INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD had entries worldwide. Authors and publishers from countries such as Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, Norway, Scotland, and South Africa, participated. Books submitted included writers based in cities such as Atlanta to Los Angeles; London to Nova Scotia; from Cape Town to Mumbai; from Albuquerque to New York City as well as others.



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winners and distinguished favorites in our annual 2023 INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD. This year included an array of quality and diverse independent books," Olczak said. "Independent publishing is pushing on every corner of the earth with great content. We are thrilled to be

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5 Stars!

True Love. Heartbreak. Deep Family Secrets. He's ready to hang up his

uniform. Until the woman of his dreams spurs a mysterious adventure..."

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highlighting key titles representing global independent publishing." said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak.

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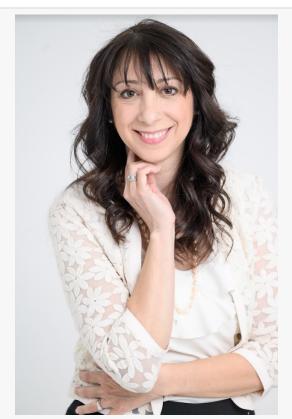
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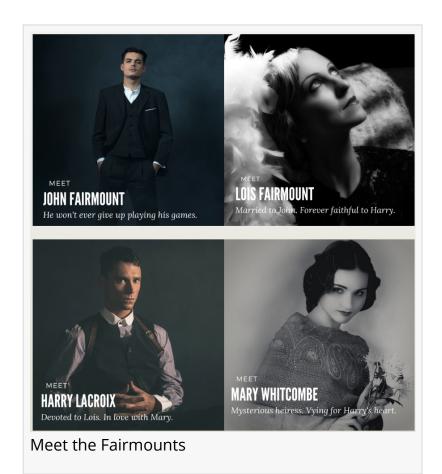
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