

Winter's Reckoning Receives International Recognition Through the NYC BIG BOOK AWARD®

"A story of kinships, friendships, and secret legacies born of good and evil...leading to a satisfying conclusion."—Donna Everhart, USA Today bestselling author

BROOKLYN, NY, UNITED STATES, October 17, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "The NYC Big Book Award recognized Winter's Reckoning, a novel by Adele Holmes, M.D. as a Distinguished Favorite in the Literary Fiction category.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters. Selected award winners and distinguished favorites are based on overall excellence.

Winter's Reckoning by Adele Holmes, M.D.

An early 1900's herbalist healer in the American South struggles for social justice—racial issues, education, women's rights—against an increasingly narrow-minded, and at times malevolently dangerous, community. . . .

Forty-six-year-old Madeline Fairbanks has no use for ideas like "separation of the races" or "men as the superior sex." There are many in her dying Southern Appalachian town who are upset by her socially progressive views, but for years—partly due to her late husband's still-powerful influence, and partly due to her skill as a healer in a remote town with no doctor of its



Distinguished Favorite: Winter's Reckoning by Adele Holmes, MD

own—folks have been willing to turn a blind eye to her “transgressions.” Even Maddie’s decision to take on a Black apprentice, Ren Morgan, goes largely unchallenged by her white neighbors, though it’s certainly grumbled about. But when a charismatic and power-hungry new reverend blows into town in 1917 and begins to preach about the importance of racial segregation, the long-idle local KKK chapter fires back into action—and places Maddie and her friends in Jamesville’s Black community squarely in their sights. Maddie had better stop intermingling with Black folks, discontinue her herbalistic “witchcraft,” and leave town immediately, they threaten, or they’ll lynch Ren’s father, Daniel. Faced with this decision, Maddie is terrified . . . and torn. Will she bow to their

demands and walk away—or will she fight to keep the home she’s built in Jamesville and protect the future of the people she loves, both Black and White?

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A beautifully written story that reminds America of our unresolved sins against humanity. Protagonist Fairbanks & Morgan represent our hopes of resolving our fears of the other and erasing old hates.”

Janis F. Kearney, author & personal diarist for President Bill Clinton

The NYC Big Book Award's impressive roster of international and domestic entries resulted in a record year for book award winners in major categories. The competition draws a diverse and high-quality pool of authors and publishers. The NYC Big Book Award boasts a worldwide entry pool from Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. This year, cities such as Ann Arbor, Denver, Edinburgh, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Miami Beach, New Delhi, New York, Ottawa, Princeton, San Francisco, San Juan, Singapore, and Winnipeg were represented. Winners were recognized from Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, England, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, and the United States.

Journalists, well-established authors, small and large presses, and first-time independent authors participated in remarkable numbers. This year, awardees hailed from Blackstone Publishing, Berrett-Koehler, Beyond Words, Casemate, Cinnabar Moth Publishing, Citrine Publishing, Four Way Books, Fantagraphics, Greenleaf Book

Group Press, Ideapress, Inner Traditions, Kogan Page, Ooligan Press, Riverhead Books, Rutgers University Press, She Writes Press, Story Monsters Press, Teacher Created Materials, The Wild Rose Press and the White House Historical Association.

"Our team is honored to highlight the excellence and achievements of a diverse array of authors and publishers," said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak. "Their work represents a commitment to excellence. It is our mission and privilege to continue to showcase their work on an international stage."

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