

Winner in the NYC Big Book Award®, Gary E Smith Receives International Recognition for the Political Thriller Category

Gary E Smith takes the first place in the NYC Big Book Award, Political Thriller Category

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 2, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The NYC Big Book Award recognized [And So It Goes](#) by Gary E. Smith in the category of Political Thriller as a WINNER.

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

"And So It Goes"

Award-winning author and photographer Gary Smith continues his mystery adventure series with the character Warren Steelgrave. True to the title of his first novel, *The Willing*, Warren Steelgrave gets involved in protecting Jenny Stone, a top prosecutor. A corrupt FBI and foreign agents are determined to prevent her from delivering evidence she has to the grand jury. Share the journey of a man of principle who is again tested by a world in which a small group of people can turn it upside down.

As Warren and Jenny are pursued, travel with them down the dark alleyways of intrigue through Italy and the United States. Before it is over, many will die. Jenny, as a prosecutor, had extreme feelings about right and wrong, good and evil; it was a black and white world. Jenny now finds herself struggling with her beliefs. Jenny finds herself in a gray world where murder can be justified to protect the innocent.

NYC Big Book Award received book submissions worldwide. Attorneys, Doctors, Entrepreneurs, Film & Television writers, Historians, and Journalists, from well established authors to first time



indie authors as well as small and large presses participated.

Entries this year were received from the United States as well as countries such as Australia, Canada, China, Dubai, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea United, Sweden, Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Cities represented among the entries were Auckland, Baltimore, Dallas, Frankfurt, Hollywood, Johannesburg, Manhattan Beach, New Orleans, NYC, Philadelphia, Sydney, and West Palm Beach.

Publishers included Beacon Press, Berrett-Koehler, Casemate, Edinburgh University Press, Forbes Books, Kiplinger Books, NYU Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Penguin Random House, Rizzoli, Routledge, The White House Historical Association, University of California Press, University of Nebraska Press, Weaving Influence Press, and Wiley.

We have an amazing list of authors from around the globe participating this year, said awards sponsor Gabby Olczak. I'm so excited to share these books with a worldwide readership!

To view the list of NYC Big Book winners and distinguished favorites, please visit:
<https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/>

About the Author

Gary E Smith's first romance thriller, "The Willing", debuted with a 4.8 stars average rating by independent reviewers who asked for a sequel. There are now ten in the Warren Steelgrave series: The Willing; A Life Separate, Together; Undomesticated; My Life My Choice; Vengeance Can Be Deadly; To Hunt Men; Betrayal; In The Blood; More Than You Know; and now, And So It Goes.

Gary balances life between business and a love of arts. He founded a small electrical contracting business and grew it into a multimillion-dollar national



Author Gary E Smith



"More Than You Know" by Gary E Smith

business. At the same time, he writes and is an award-winning fine art photographer. Operating within both business and artistic communities introduces him to a wide array of characters and experiences, from which he draws for his writing. When Gary is not writing, he travels. Most often, Gary will be spotted in Italy, searching for more characters and experiences for his stories to come. To follow Gary, visit

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<https://www.independentpressaward.com/winners>

And, join us for the Awards Dinner on April 10th, <https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/awardsdinner>, held at the BookCAMP event, April 9-10, 2027, <https://www.ipabookcamp.com>, where recipients from both programs will walk on stage to receive their awards.

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