Kay Louise Bowen Receives International Recognition Through the NYC Big Book Award®

Following her previous success in the 2026 Independent Press Award with Secrets, Bowen has achieved international acclaim once again.



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2026 NYC Big Book Award Winner

BIRMINGHAM, UNITED KINGDOM, September 10, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The NYC Big Book Award recognized Secrets II Vengeance & Revenge by Kay Louise Bowen in the category of Psychological 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.

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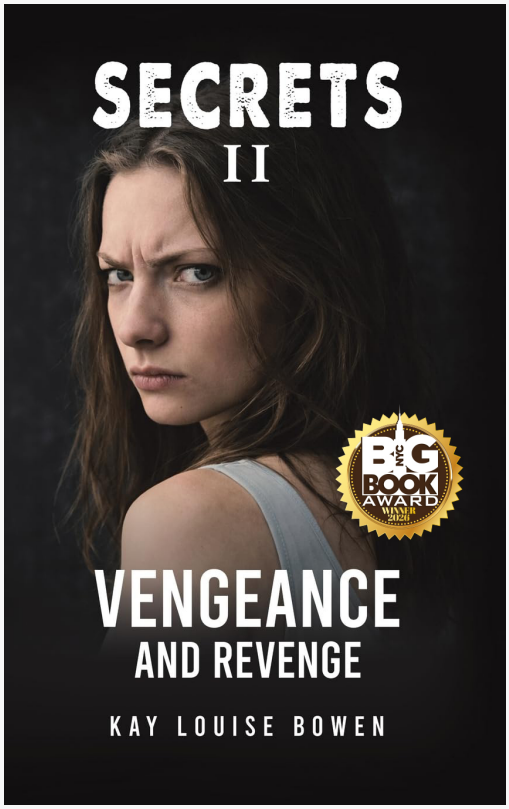
Kay Louise Bowen's award-winning sequel thrusts central protagonists Gina and Neil Adams back into a living nightmare when their quiet coastal life in Weymouth is shattered by the sudden disappearance of their young son, Teddy. Triggered by the release of their former tormentor Annabel Hayes, the family finds themselves locked in a desperate race against time where fragile alliances are tested and old grudges resurface from prison cells to courtroom steps. With a

relentless pace and high-stakes tension, Secrets II Vengeance & Revenge continues the high-stakes narrative established in her debut, immersing readers in a dark, psychological web of retribution, betrayal, and suspense.

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.



Secrets II Vengeance & Revenge by Kay Louise Bowen



Author Kay Louise Bowen

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!

About the Author
Kay Louise Bowen is an award-winning British author from Dudley, West Midlands, specializing in psychological thrillers and suspense fiction. Her novel Secrets earned high praise as a Distinguished Favorite in the 2026 Independent Press Award, https://independentpressaward.com/, paving the way for its acclaimed sequel, Secrets II Vengeance & Revenge.



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