Independent Press Award Relaunches Website with a Sleek New Look to Better Serve Independent Authors and Publishers

BROOKLYN, NY, UNITED STATES, September 18, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The Independent Press Award, one of the premier international book award programs honoring excellence in independent publishing, has officially launched a newly redesigned website. Featuring a modern aesthetic, streamlined navigation, and a user-first experience, the revamped site makes it easier than ever for authors, small presses, and publishers to enter competitions, explore categories, and celebrate award-winning literature.



Newly launched Independent Press Award Website



2026 Independent Press Award Winner

The overhaul reflects the Independent Press Award's commitment to staying at the forefront of the evolving publishing industry. The updated online platform offers an intuitive design that simplifies the entry process, highlights past Winners and Distinguished Favorites, and provides direct access to valuable promotional resources, including press release services, review opportunities, and industry insights.

"Our mission has always been to champion independent voices and elevate quality books outside of mainstream corporate publishing," said Gabby Olczak, President and Co-Founder of the

Independent Press Award. "With the relaunch of our website, we're providing a fresh, dynamic digital hub that reflects the high caliber of work produced by independent authors and small-to-midsize presses worldwide."



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Key features of the redesigned website include:

* Streamlined Online Submissions: An updated, user-friendly entry system allowing authors and publishers to submit physical or digital formats (PDF/ePub/audiobook redemption codes) seamlessly.

* Enhanced Category Exploration: Clear, organized listings across the key 15 major categories, divided up into official competition smaller subcategories categories spanning fiction, non-fiction, design, and audiobooks,

* Showcase of Champions: Dedicated sections celebrating current and past Winners and Distinguished Favorites over the past decade,
Author & Publisher Resources: Direct access to promotional tools, PR distribution packages, and event details like the industry's most exciting annual GALA Awards Celebration.

* Author Interviews: New layout for The GAB TALKS podcast, which is streamed on more than three dozen services that includes Apple, iHeartRadio, Pandora, Spotify, and many more.

The GAB TALKS, https://www.independentpressaward.com/thegabtalks, is the official literary podcast of the Independent Press Award (IPA) and the NYC Big Book Award. Hosted by Gabby Olczak, President and CEO of both award organizations, the podcast serves as a global platform connecting independent authors, small presses, and publishing industry experts.

The Independent Press Award is open to independent authors, self-publishers, small-to-midsize presses, and university presses worldwide. Entries are judged by industry experts, including editors, designers, librarians, reviewers, and publishers, based on overall excellence, literary merit, cover design, and marketability.

To explore the new website, review submission guidelines, or enter a book into the current award cycle, visit https://www.independentpressaward.com/.

About the Independent Press Award
The Independent Press Award is an international book competition dedicated to recognizing, honoring, and elevating talent in the independent publishing industry. Open to self-published authors, independent writers, small-to-midsize presses, and university presses, the award shines a spotlight on extraordinary literary talent outside the major corporate publishing landscape.

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