Kansas City Author Ty Nicole Earns Two First-Place Honors at Black Authors Association Awards

Award-winning indie author Ty Nicole wins double top honors in Best Thriller, Mystery & Horror and Regional categories for Midwest Invasion: Terry's Story.



KANSAS CITY, KS, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Independent author and creative entrepreneur Ty Nicole has earned two prestigious first-place honors at the Black Authors Association Awards. Her celebrated novel, Midwest Invasion: Terry's Story, took top honors in both the Best Thriller, Mystery & Horror category and the Regional category, marking a landmark achievement for the Kansas City writer.

Ty Nicole's path to national literary recognition is rooted in discipline and resilience. She began crafting the Midwest Invasion series while working demanding hours in the healthcare field, sacrificing personal downtime and writing whenever brief moments allowed. Operating as an independent author under her business brand, Keepin It Real Wit T Productions, she single-handedly navigated the complex processes of drafting, self-publishing, marketing, and building an audience from the ground up.

"Seeing Midwest Invasion: Terry's Story receive first-place recognition from the Black Authors Association makes that journey especially meaningful to me," said Ty Nicole. "As an independent Black author, navigating the challenges of publishing and promoting a book largely on my own hasn't been easy, but this recognition validates every late night and early morning spent working on this project."

What sets Midwest Invasion: Terry's Story apart from standard genre fiction is its ambitious blending of genres. Ty Nicole crafts a multi-layered narrative that fuses science fiction, horror, mystery, thriller, action, conspiracy, and romance. Rather than relying solely on traditional suspense or survival tropes, the story delves deeply into the human condition. Her characters are not merely fighting to survive an otherworldly threat; they are navigating real-world emotional struggles, including grief, loss, family dynamics, trauma, love, and the heavy

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consequences of their personal choices.

"I didn't want to just scare or thrill readers," Nicole explained. "Beneath the horror and science fiction are stories about love, survival, family, perseverance, and finding strength when life gives you every reason to give up. I want readers to experience the high stakes while becoming emotionally invested in the people living through them."

Beyond her literary pursuits, Ty Nicole is building a holistic platform centered on books, imagination, and self-care through her creative venture, Mysterious. By combining her passions for storytelling and entrepreneurship, she continues to inspire fellow independent creators in the Midwest and across the country.

Midwest Invasion: Terry's Story and further updates on Ty Nicole's upcoming releases are available at mysterioust.com.

About Keepin It Real Wit T Productions

Founded by award-winning author Ty Nicole, Keepin It Real Wit T Productions is a Kansas City-based platform dedicated to impactful storytelling, literature, and creative entrepreneurship.

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