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FIRE Book Awards Celebrate Year One Success

FIRE Launches Internet Vote for Top Books of 2024 and 2019-2023 Awards

Houston, TX—The FIRE Book Awards, a program dedicated to celebrating excellence in indie publishing, proudly announces the completion of its inaugural year and the launch of the final phase of the competition—the Internet vote. Readers worldwide can crown **the Top Book of 2024** (FIRE) and from 2019-2023 (Embers).

The Internet voting period runs from December 15 to December 30, 2024. Winners will be announced during a special presentation on January 7, 2025.

Exciting Prizes for Outstanding Books

- The author of the winning 2024 FIRE Book Award will receive \$1,500.
- The author of the winning 2019-2023 Ember Book Award will receive \$250.

Both awards are determined entirely by the Internet vote, allowing readers to have the final say in selecting the best of the best. Eligible books for the Internet Vote phase of the competition are those that earned GOLD status during the initial judging round.

A Meticulous and Impartial Judging Process

The FIRE & Embers Book Awards are committed to fairness and quality, ensuring only the best indie-published books rise to the top. This year's impartial panel of judges included professionals from all walks of the book industry—educators, librarians, authors, and avid readers—none connected to the awards program. Each book was evaluated on a comprehensive range of criteria:

- Book design, including cover and interior elements.
- Standards of the book publishing industry.
- Story content, grammar, punctuation, and genre adherence.
- Plot development, character depth, and overall readability.

Celebrating Excellence and Supporting Indie Authors

"This program exists to shine a spotlight on outstanding work and to encourage the continued growth of independent publishing," said Rita Mills, Chairperson of the Founding Committee. For more information about the FIRE & Embers Book Awards, including the full list of GOLD Medal Winners eligible for the Internet Vote, visit https://www.firebookawards.com/.

About the FIRE Book Awards

The FIRE Book Awards recognize and reward excellence in independent publishing. By combining rigorous judging standards with public participation (the Internet Vote), the program offers a unique platform for indie authors to gain recognition and celebrate their craft.

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