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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**IndieReader Announces the Winners of
the 2017 “IndieReader Discovery Awards” at BEA**

6/5/17, Montclair, New Jersey—On Saturday, 6/2, CJ Lyons, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of over thirty novels and two time winner of the International Thriller Writers’ coveted Thriller Award, and Amy Edelman, founder of IndieReader (www.indiereader.com), announced the winners of the 2017 “IndieReader Discovery Awards” (IRDA) at BookCon, in New York City.

IndieReader, the essential consumer guide to self-published books and the people who write them, created the IRDAs to give indie authors access to people who can make a difference in their book’s success. With the rush by traditional publishers to sign them and their noteworthy bestselling status, there’s no longer much doubt that indie authors can be both commercially and creatively successful. All that was left to do was create a credible vehicle by which to find them. That’s where the IRDAs come in. While writing a great book is the first step, getting it in front of the right people—be they readers or agents or traditional publishers—is also a critical part of making an indie book a success. To that end, judges on the IRDA panel include PR and publishing professionals, top industry bloggers, professional reviewers and more. Winners will have their titles submitted to New York literary agents Dystal, Goderich & Bourret for representation consideration. Judging is based on the quality of writing and the originality of the story.

There is a first, second and third place winner in each of the fiction and non-fiction categories, in addition to 21 additional winning authors/titles in 18 sub-categories.

The winners, judges, the genre and the authors contact information follows below.

IRDA 2017 Winners

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Fiction

First Place

Mary Maddox/*DARKROOM*

Categories: Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

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Second Place

Leylah Attar/*MISTS OF THE SERENGETI*

Categories: Romance and Literary Fiction

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Third Place

Nath Jones/*RADAR ROAD*

Categories: Short Stories and Literary Fiction

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Non-Fiction

First Place

Karima Cammell + Clint Marsh/*THE TROLL COOKBOOK*

Category: Cooking

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Second Place

James Manning + Nicola Ridgeway/*A JOURNEY WITH PANIC*

Categories: Psychology/Mental Health

Contact: stoppingdepression@gmail.com

Third Place

Christopher Zoukis/*FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK*

Category: Self-Help

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CATGEORY WINNERS

Aging/Death & Dying - Anna Hodges Oginsky/MY NEW FRIEND, GRIEF

Children Board Book - Carole P. Roman/ROCKET BYE

Children's (Early to intermediate readers) - Sandra Richards/RICE & ROCKS

Graphic Novel - Howard Shapiro/HOCKEY KARMA

Health/Medicine/Nutrition - Romy Block/THE VITAMIN SOLUTION

Humor - CL Lynch/CHEMISTRY

Inspirational/Spiritual - Robert J. Slothower, James R. Harman/PLAINS TO THE PACIFIC

Lit Fiction - George Crowder/THE BOOK OF MOON

Memoir - JoAnne Blackwelder/HUSBAND: MY 40-YEAR MARRIAGE TO A GAY MAN

Mystery/Suspense/Thriller - Geoffrey Visgilio/SWITCH

Nutrition - Carol D'Anca/REAL FOOD FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE

Parenting (Child Care/Family) - LeeAndra M. Chergey/MAKE A WISH FOR ME

Poetry (TIE) - Thom Kudla/COMMENCEMENT

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Popular Fiction (TIE) - Brenna Marie Gautam/BLACK WATER

Popular Fiction (TIE) - Harry Groome/THE BEST OF FAMILIES

Religion (TIE) - Anthony Coleman/THE EVANGELICAL EXPERIENCE

Religion (TIE) - Sarah Bowen/VOID IF DETACHED

Science Fiction (TIE) - Henry Mosquera/SPACE FANDANGO

Science Fiction (TIE) - Scott McDermott/ELECTION 2064

Women's Issues - Alexis Marie Chute/EXPECTING SUNSHINE

YA - Alan Sproles/BILLY BEDIVERE IN THE QUEST FOR THE DRAGON QUEEN

2017 PANEL OF JUDGES

Agent

All titles will be submitted to Dystal, Goderich & Bourret for representation consideration

Publishers

Neal Thompson, Director of Author and Publishing Relations, Amazon

Publicists

Sandra Smith, President, SMITH PUBLICITY

Reviewer

Karen Schechner, Senior Indie Editor, *Kirkus Reviews*

Myra Forsberg, Indie Editor, *Kirkus Reviews*

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