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| **INDEPENDENT PUBLISHER BOOK AWARDS**  -------------------------------FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE------------------------------- |

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| **Independent Publisher Book Award Medalists Announced for 2015**  **"An Extensive and Diverse List of Award-Winning Books"** |

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| (May 6, 2015 – Traverse City, MI) – The world of book publishing keeps changing, as technological progress brings instant access to news, knowledge and entertainment. All of this information overload can make us yearn for the old-school technology of the book -- but how to find the best new reads? The 19th annual "IPPY" Awards will spotlight the year's best independently published books at a gala celebration on May 27th during the annual BookExpo America publishing convention in New York.  Gold, silver and bronze IPPY medals will be awarded in 78 national, 24 regional, and ten e-book categories, chosen from nearly 6,000 entries from authors and publishers in all 50 U.S. states, eight Canadian provinces, and 34 countries overseas. The winners make up a reading list that is extensive and diverse, featuring new voices and viewpoints passionately expressed through soulful memoirs, insightful self-help books, and penetrating critiques of our social and political systems.  National category winners include breath-taking photographs from around the world, such as those of gold medalist *Earth Is My Witness: The Photography of Art Wolfe* (Earth Aware Editions); delicious recipes from cherished neighborhood restaurants like the ones in cookbook gold medalist *Backstreet Kitchen*, by Tracy Vaught and Hugo Ortega (Inwood Publishing); and charming drawings used to tell an intimate life story in *Tomboy: A Graphic Memoir* (Zest Books), by Liz Prince.  The Regional categories highlight books from all over the U.S., Canada, Australia, and for the first time this year, Europe. The inaugural non-fiction gold medalist is *The Glow of Paris: The Bridges of Paris at Night* (Marcorp Editions), a dreamy new take on the 35 bridges that span the Seine, all photographed at night. Gary Zuercher, an American businessman, pilot and commercial photographer whose wife is French, spent five years on the project.  E-books are the new frontier of publishing, and the gold medal-winner in the Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror category is *Beowulf: A Bloody Calculus* (East India Press), a refreshing take on cyberpunk that calls to mind sci-fi greats with a thoughtful allegorical streak. In another pioneering effort, one of this year's Outstanding Books of the Year, *Super Power Baby Project* (Evie's Book Club) portrays toddlers suffering from genetic disabilities and malformations -- in exquisitely photographed settings and poses that bring forth all their beauty and joy of life.  Congratulations to all the medalists for their independent spirit and dedication to excellence in an always-changing world of publishing and bookselling. See the complete results listing at [http://www.independentpublisher.com/article.php?page=1936](http://www2.dmpemail5.com/jenkins/main/index.php?action=t&tag=article.php%3Fpage%3D1936&id=7814&viewers_email=maryjosonntag%40verizon.net&dest=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.independentpublisher.com%2Farticle.php%3Fpage%3D1936)  The Independent Publisher Awards are presented by IndependentPublisher.com, "THE Voice of Independent Publishing," operated by publishing services firm, Jenkins Group of Traverse City, Michigan. |

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