

#INDIEINKAWARDS

# THE INDIE INK AWARDS

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## INDIE INK AWARDS 2024

CELEBRATING INDIE  
BOOKS

### Our Story

Traditionally published books do not corner the market on great works. Amazing works are produced by small press and self-published authors, and they often go unrecognized because their budgets for marketing are often smaller. So WriteHive, Inked in Gray Press, and Indie Story Geek joined together to celebrate great works of fiction published by small press and self-published authors, giving them the recognition they deserve.

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Books by marginalized authors, self-published books, and books by small presses often get overlooked. The **Indie Ink Awards** is a unique event that brings together the writing community to celebrate books that have made an impact on us. This is our way of highlighting the future we want to see in books—by uplifting those that shine.

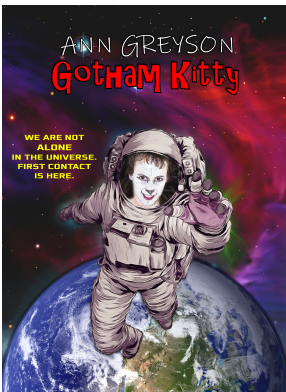
The contest has four phases:

**Nomination phase** – Readers can nominate books for up to 5 awards they think fit. After this phase has ended, we will contact the authors to verify if the nominations make sense for their books before moving on to voting.

**Voting phase** – the nominated books will be listed by award for readers to vote on. The top ten in every category will move on at the end of this phase as finalists. Voting opens December 15!

Authors of finalist books are contacted and may provide a digital review copy for our judges to review if they wish, or they may opt-out of continuing in the competition.

Judges read and score finalists, utilizing a rubric for increased objectivity.



## Gotham Kitty by Ann Greyson

Indie Ink Awards 2024 Nominee

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For many years the curse of the Evil Shadowy Figure is plaguing the Chagga. Prophecy has it that the day an extraterrestrial falls from the sky, the tribe will have a chance to perform a ritual to end the curse.

DECEMBER 2010. In a far-off galaxy, a Brozian cargo ship, with a female Catusapien aboard, slips into a wormhole and spits out into the Milky Way Galaxy. The Catusapien escapes her cell and flees the ship in an escape pod. Allison Banes, who is in Tanzania working on a PhD in zoology, is in Arusha National Park and sees the Brozian spaceship explode and crash land. She finds the Catusapien sleeping by the escape pod and takes the alien to her house for observation.

When Allison Banes falls victim to the Evil Shadowy Figure, the alien retreats to the forest surrounding Lake Duluti. After spearfishing on Christmas Eve, Cassidy Mkama, an 11-year-old African girl, sees the alien and tells her friend Laila Diwani, a Chagga member who tells the tribe's Paramount Chief, Anton Naruma.

The chance to end the supernatural curse on the Chagga is at hand. And a lifelong friendship between Cassidy and the alien, whom she soon will name Gotham Kitty, is just beginning.

## 5 Award nominations for *Gotham Kitty* listed below!

**Best book cover and cover artist**

**Best friendship**

**Best mentor character**

**Best setting**

**Prettiest book interior**