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“Ever the Night Road” Wins 2024 IAN "Outstanding Fantasy" Book Award

Independent Author Network Award Marks 7th Honor for Michael Breen’s Debut Novel

Nov. 15, 2024 – Author Michael Breen’s novel “Ever the Night Road” was awarded The Independent Author Network 2024 IAN Book of the Year Award for “Outstanding Fantasy.”

The international competition is open to small presses, mid-size independent publishers, university presses, and self-published authors. Fiction entries were judged based on vibrant covers, attention-grabbing openings, memorable characters, crisp dialogue, captivating and original plots, and climactic, memorable endings.

Michael has received Gold Medals from both the Independent Publisher “IPPY” Awards and Readers’ Favorite; a Bronze Medal from the Wishing Shelf Book Awards; the B.R.A.G. Medallion; the Indies Today Finalist Award; and was a Foreword Indies Book of the Year Finalist in the Adult Fiction-Fantasy category.

“Ever the Night Road” is a coming-of-age story featuring seventeen-year-old protagonist Dagny Losh. The teenager’s longing for adventure becomes a high-stakes quest guided by the stars and ancient myth, as she and an array of companions encounter danger from both criminal and supernatural forces. Along the way, Dagny discovers the bonds of true friendship, young love and the depths of her own bravery in a brutal and enchanting world.

In “Jud,” the adventure continues where “Ever the Night Road” left off. Now eighteen, Dagny’s quest takes her into the mythical, labyrinthine city of Jud, where streets and buildings shift with the twilight, and each door and alleyway may give rise to the most unexpected encounters. “Jud” has also received the Indies Today Finalist Award.

Both books have received high praise from advance reviewers and fans alike, such as:

“Michael Breen packs a lot into his novel. As a fantasy thriller, EVER THE NIGHT ROAD has an Indiana Jones vibe combined with the ‘lawless frontier’ themes of a good Zane Grey western. ...[It] is a fantastic adventure tale filled with believable characters, striking imagery, and enlightening allegory. An excellent read for fans of character-driven, coming-of-age fantasy.”

– Rob Errera, *Indie Reader*

“For readers that love a series as expansive and magical as *The Wizard of Oz* or as unexpected and clever as *The Maze Runner*, read Michael Breen’s *Jud*, a staggering story whose creativity is unsurpassed.”

– *Nicky Flowers, Indies Today*

“The world-building in this book is absolutely stellar. If I could choose one book to actually be in so that I could explore, it’d be the world that Dagny lives in. Even with all the dangers, this is a world I would love to fully immerse in and explore for the rest of my days.”

– *Kelly, Goodreads*

“*Ever the Night Road*” and “*Jud*” are both available in print and e-book through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, as well as Amazon’s Kindle Unlimited.

Michael has begun working on his third novel. To explore *The World* and subscribe to receive updates, visit www.MichaelBreenBooks.com.

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