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"LOCAL AUTHOR AWARDED NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR"

Indie Excellence Announces their 2008 National Book Award Winners

/24-7PressRelease/ - MESA, AZ, May 12, 2008 -- Award Winning Author, Judy Azar LeBlanc has once again been awarded a National Book Award for literary excellence for the third consecutive year as the National Indie Excellence Book Awards announces their Winners for 2008. NIEA are dedicated to celebrating and promoting the outstanding work of independent publishers and authors.

Arizona author Judy Azar LeBlanc's unique twist on classic themes is receiving critical acclaim for its timeliness as we search for what is true and meaningful today. It was awarded the Best Inspirational Book of the Year in 2006 from USA Book News and New Book Reviews both, and was also awarded the finalist in the Reader Views Literary Awards in the General Fiction category. *Many Faces to Many Places* was selected based on the criteria of writing style, professionalism, marketability, subject interest, reader's preference, and editor's preference by New Book Reviews. Ray Ward, Editor and President further commented: "Very rarely a book comes along that impresses me with its wit, charm and clarity in dealing with all the emotions, traits and frailties of the complex animal known as human beings, as well as *Many Faces to Many Places* by Judy Azar LeBlanc. LeBlanc's latest book shines like a diamond in a coal mine and is a gem of rare quality indeed. Her metaphors are unique and crystal clear and offer insight and timeless wisdom into the art of living life to its fullest. Her use of familiar characters in a very illuminating manner brought smile after smile to my face as I read this nearly magical book. To author Judy Azar LeBlanc, Bravo! Excellent! *Many Faces to Many Places* is an outstanding, thoroughly enjoyable, and powerful book".

Jeff Bowen, president and publisher of USABookNews.com, said winners and finalists traversed the publishing landscape: Simon & Schuster, Warner Books, New American Library a division of the Penguin Group, Red Wheel Weiser and Conari, New World Library, and hundreds of independent press titles contributed to this year's outstanding BBA competition. Bowen adds, the selection of authors and publishers who participate is based on criteria used by our distinguished panel of industry judges who bring to the table their extensive editorial, PR, marketing, and design expertise." Jeff Bowen, President and Publisher of USA Book News further added, "*Many Faces to Many Places* is a deeply moving and imaginative read."

The prestigious Katha Kshetre International Literary Journal has this to say:

"Allegorically using the medium of fiction is done beautifully by the author. All of the emotions and behaviors that form a state of being that we all experience are captured in this unforgettable, inspirational and timeless story; a journey for your spirit, an adventure in self knowledge." - Katha Kshetre First Quarter 2006

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Award Winning Author, Judy Azar LeBlanc has been an honored guest at the Business Journal of Phoenix for their Literacy Charity Events, the National Convention for the American Association of University Women as well as local Television, Radio and East Valley Bookstores. Judy was born in Raton, New Mexico, and was raised and educated in Albuquerque. She is a graduate of San Jose University, in San Jose, California, where she did her graduate work in industrial psychology. Judy Azar LeBlanc's previous works include *Things My Father Never Taught Me*, *The Compromise* and *The Unveiling*. She currently resides in Mesa, Arizona.

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