

Christiane Scarpino and Bose Akadiri Receive National Recognition For Their Latest Books Through the NYC BIG BOOK AWARD®



Orlando, Florida Oct 11, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - The NYC Big Book Award recognized “[Missing Pieces: A Terrorist Attack Survivor's Memoir of Trauma, Resilience, and Healing](#)” by Christiane Scarpino received a NYC Big Book Award in the New Nonfiction Category.

“[The Stay Joyful Method: Using Joy as a Tool to Rise, Lead, and Redefine Success](#)” by Bose Akadiri is honored as a NYC Big Book Award Distinguished Favorite in the Business-Motivational category.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, designers, booksellers, librarians, and professional copywriters. Winners and distinguished favorites are based on overall excellence.

NYC Big Book Award received book submissions worldwide. Attorneys, doctors, entrepreneurs, film and television writers, historians, journalists, and professors, from well-established authors to first-time indie authors, as well as small and large presses, participated.

Entries this year were received from the United States as well as countries such as Australia, Canada, China, Dubai, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea United, Sweden, Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Cities represented among the entries were Auckland, Baltimore, Dallas, Frankfurt, Hollywood, Johannesburg, Manhattan Beach, New Orleans, NYC, Philadelphia, Sydney, and West Palm Beach.

Publishers included Press 49, Beacon Press, Berrett-Koehler, Casemate, Edinburgh University Press, Forbes Books, Kiplinger Books, NYU Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Penguin Random House, Rizzoli, Routledge, University of California Press, University of Nebraska Press, Weaving Influence Press, and

Wiley.

Winners and distinguished favorites included: "Missing Pieces" by Christiane Scarpino, "The Stay Joyful Method" by Bose Akadiri, The Lab Press's "Essentials Vol. 1" by Luke Arnold (Black Sails) and Chris "Doc" Wyatt (TV producer/writer); Berrett-Koehler's "Catch People Doing Things Right" by Martha C. Lawrence; The White House Historical Association's "White House Memories 1970–2007" by Gary J. Walters (White House Chief Usher); and "Eternal Love" by Xuemo to name some key titles on the awarded list.

"We have an amazing list of authors from around the globe participating this year," said awards sponsor Gabby Olczak. "I'm so excited to share these books with a worldwide readership!"

"We are absolutely thrilled to see Christiane Scarpino and Bose Akadiri recognized by the NYC Big Book Award," said Bridgett McGowen-Hawkins, founder of Press 49. "Both books represent the kind of work we are proud to bring into the world, books that give readers meaningful insight, practical value, and a reason to see something differently. This recognition is a tremendous reflection of the authors' talent, dedication, and the impact their words can have beyond the page."

NYC Big Book Award is announced every fall. NYC Big Book Award is open to all authors, publishers, and illustrators, and includes submissions from the big five publishers including Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Hachette, Macmillan, and Simon & Schuster.

The Awards Dinner on will be held April 10, 2027, where winners will walk on stage to receive their awards.

To view the list of NYC Big Book winners and distinguished favorites, please visit:

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