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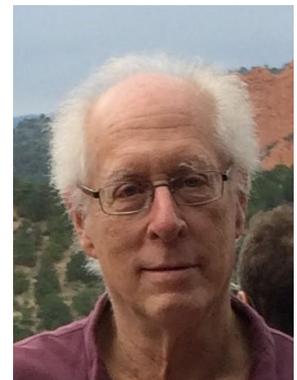
Author **Richard Forer** receives national recognition through the **NYC Big Book Award®!**

Boulder County, CO -- The NYC Big Book Award recognized [*Wake Up and Reclaim Your Humanity: Essays on the Tragedy of Israel-Palestine*](#) as the winner in the Cultural and Social Issues category.

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



[*Wake Up and Reclaim Your Humanity*](#) tells the true story of a lifelong supporter of Israel who underwent a remarkable spiritual awakening in which he realized he was as much Muslim or Christian as Jew, and as much Palestinian as Israeli or American. Existential fear and confusion, the hallmarks of separate identities, were transformed into compassion and clarity and an unequivocal vision of the roots of suffering spontaneously arose. Recognizing that endless conflict only leads to alienation from our true selves, this book encourages readers to look at the documented history of the



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Israel-Palestine tragedy and get in touch with how they view and interpret that history. It offers readers a path that leads to freedom from false beliefs, enemy images, and the illusion of identity to equal rights for all people and a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis.

2021 was a record year for books awarded due to the high level of quality and diverse books submitted. NYC Big Book Award received submissions worldwide, including from journalists, well-established authors, small and large press and first-time indie authors.

Entries came from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. Among the entries were submissions from Bangalore, Edmonton, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, New York, Seattle, Singapore and Vancouver. Winners were recognized globally from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Lebanon, Queensland and the United States.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

View the list of winners [here](#).

Distinguished Favorites [here](#).

"We are elated to highlight these authors' books, recognize their excellence, and share their achievements." said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak. "We look forward to showcasing these titles to a larger audience."

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