



2026 BookTok Indie Author Awards Official Finalists

Every finalist in all 62 categories, with ballot links

🏆 How Finalists Were Chosen

- The **top five entries** in each category advanced from Round 1 voting (September 1 – October 1, 2026).
- Where entries **tied for fifth place**, every tied entry advanced, so some categories have six or seven finalists.
- Finalists are listed exactly as they appear on the official ballot, in ballot order.
- Round 1 votes do not carry over. Every finalist starts the Finalist Round at zero.

★ How to Vote

- Each category has its own ballot. Use the **Vote** link under each category.
- Vote for **one finalist** per category, once per category.
- Each vote must be cast by the owner of the email address entered. Votes from email lists or automated tools will be removed.
- Winners are revealed at the **December 19, 2026** Live Show.

🔗 Official Links



Voting Information & Guide:

evocativeimpressions.com/voting-information/



Finalist Ballots by Category:

evocativeimpressions.com/categories/

Thank you to every author, reader, and creator
who made Round 1 a success.





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🏹 AGE & AUDIENCE

Young Adult

Tie for fifth place · 6 finalists

- **The Last Girl on Earth: The 23rd Pair** | Mel De Pablos
- **The Howler** | Christopher D. Pearce
- **Fatebound: A Song of Shadows & Siege** | Graham Fontaine
- **The Secret of Blackwater Bayou** | C.J. Rivers
- **Betrayal of the Moon** | I.J. Udhin
- **Sincerely Yours...Written In The Stars And Inked In Destiny!** | Sonia D. Hebdon

Vote: tally.so/r/BzNkg4

📖 GENERAL FICTION

Contemporary Fiction

- **Love the Ones You're With** | S.J. Perrault
- **A Bottle of Redemption** | J.R. Sawyer
- **You Were My First** | Stef Reyna
- **Fated** | H.C. Chiodo
- **Say You'll Stay** | Harper Rae James

Vote: tally.so/r/VLg54E

📖 GENERAL FICTION

Coming of Age

Tie for fifth place · 6 finalists

- **Glimpses of the Dreamwood** | Brian Ligouri
- **Siren** | Isla Melysin
- **Love the Ones You're With** | S.J. Perrault
- **The Secret of Blackwater Bayou** | C.J. Rivers
- **The Inner Circle** | Carly Bryant
- **Emit After Emit** | Sean W. Willson

Vote: tally.so/r/dWrx8y

🏹 AGE & AUDIENCE

Children's Book

- **Logan Digs the Museum!** | Kara Hope
- **Soapy Sally and the Cousin Crew: Legacy of Bubble fox Hollow** | Amy Lucille
- **A Crawfish Tale** | Kerri Stoner
- **The Ravenheart Quest** | Teri Blair
- **The Lost Heart** | Reckin Williams

Vote: tally.so/r/XxXW8d

🏹 AGE & AUDIENCE

New Adult

Tie for fifth place · 7 finalists

- **My Wife Is a Serial Killer** | J.D. Setzer
- **Flame of Almandraaz** | Timothy Robare
- **The Hearts of Gods & Men** | D.R. Driver
- **You Were My First** | Stef Reyna
- **Fire in Flight** | Ariel Barbera
- **The Veil of Two Crowns** | Christopher M. Stuchl
- **The Unplanned Orchid** | Daria Kay

Vote: tally.so/r/gD2MzK

📖 GENERAL FICTION

Historical Fiction

- **The Pirate and the Viking** | Kendal Calloway and Kevina Drake
- **Convent - Inception** | Kerri Stoner
- **A Game of Masquerade** | Shani Cossins
- **Sticks & Stones** | Vivian Rage
- **Rebellion of the Watchers** | Jessica Manges

Vote: tally.so/r/KYblkK





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♥ ROMANCE

Romantic Comedy

- **More than Fiction** | Juniper Nicole
- **Bake It 'Til You Make It** | Kassie Jones
- **Finding Their Way Home** | Alexandra Shaw
- **Bad Decisions** | G.M. Parrillo
- **Return to Sender** | L. Lestrangle

Vote: tally.so/r/9qVDrK

♥ ROMANCE

Steamy Romance

- **Mine** | Mel Rose
- **Unmasked Hearts** | K.E. Noel
- **The First Sin** | E.D. Yates
- **Finding Their Way Home** | Alexandra Shaw
- **Tentacle Daddy** | Ivy Graves

Vote: tally.so/r/dWrxgD

♥ ROMANCE

Paranormal Romance

- **The First Sin** | E.D. Yates
- **The Gargoyle's Bargain** | Reese Wilder
- **Summer With a Succubus I** | M.U. Thorne
- **Her** | Ashlee Nix
- **Mortala** | Alair Novak

Vote: tally.so/r/rj7AqL

♥ ROMANCE

Contemporary Romance

Tie for fifth place · 6 finalists

- **Adult Goals** | Abby Moore
- **Grace Under Fire** | Emily Shilling
- **Shadows of a Tortured Heart** | Sloane Raleigh
- **Where You're Meant to Be** | Skye Daniels
- **Tristful Tryst** | Mysti Graves
- **Patterns of Us** | S.J. Gathercole

Vote: tally.so/r/9qVDo1

♥ ROMANCE

Dark Romance

- **Rule the Night** | Sadie Hunt
- **The First Sin** | E.D. Yates
- **Blackwood** | Jessa Cross
- **Escape** | K.C. Blackwell
- **Dare Me to Stay** | A.J. Wilding

Vote: tally.so/r/D4QdZj

♥ ROMANCE

Horror Romance

- **Making a Weapon** | Ginger Moonwitch
- **The Perfect Stranger** | Michael Paul Patrick
- **Sherlock Holmes: The Cryptid Files: The Case of Mothman** | N.S. Thorngrave
- **A Taste of Lace** | Katye Tilstone
- **Hollow Secrets** | Tamsin St. James

Vote: tally.so/r/Y58W90





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❖ FANTASY & SPECULATIVE

Fantasy

- **The Gathering: Bloodmoure Chronicles** | Jason R. Shepherd
- **Hearts of the Lake** | Daniël Eldwyn
- **Shattering the Veil** | Steven A. Guglich
- **Crownfall** | Michael Vadney
- **Between** | Cayenne Sirois

Vote: tally.so/r/jaNQv9

❖ FANTASY & SPECULATIVE

Epic / High Fantasy

- **Marek of the Mists: The Sword of the Moon Maiden** | Corey E. King
- **Siren** | Isla Melysin
- **Courting Sin** | Crystal Crist
- **Emerald and Silver** | J.D. Goland
- **Under the Horn of Hearth** | S.P. Rowe

Vote: tally.so/r/VLg5DI

❖ FANTASY & SPECULATIVE

Paranormal / Urban Fantasy

- **The Legacy of Stow Lake** | Faith Spencer
- **Sherlock Holmes: The Cryptid Files, The Case of the Werewolf** | N.S. Thorngrave
- **Where Legends Fall: Lucifer's Halo - Book II** | Phineas Delgado
- **Origins: The Scarlet Cowl** | G.M. Parrillo
- **A New War** | C.K. Rider

Vote: tally.so/r/lbQd46

❖ FANTASY & SPECULATIVE

Dark Fantasy

- **My Little Doe** | J.L. Rosenauer
- **Hellhound Summoners** | K.D. Lovelace
- **A Tempest of Shadows** | Marcey Pierce
- **Veiled** | Cooper James
- **The Dragon Memories Trilogy: The Complete Collection of Set's Journals** | Cynthia Diaz Del Solar

Vote: tally.so/r/yPL9dp

❖ FANTASY & SPECULATIVE

Romantasy

- **Shadow Trials** | Evelyn Hart
- **The Barley Corn Girl** | Mara Sand
- **The Court of Unforgiving Gods** | Abby Moore
- **The Viper and The Rose** | J.D. Semmes
- **Bonded Hearts and Hidden Realms** | Lilly Grondin

Vote: tally.so/r/Zj06QA

❖ FANTASY & SPECULATIVE

Gothic Fantasy

- **The Hawthorn Oath** | Louise Daerr
- **Divine Sin: The Dark Awakening** | Mysti Graves
- **The Langston Estate** | J.D. Crist
- **Southwest Gothic: The Harvesting Angel of the Plains** | Bladen Mercutio
- **Under Moonlit Ashes** | T.A. Thornwell

Vote: tally.so/r/aQVYvy





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📖 SCIENCE FICTION

Sci-Fi

- **Where Nightmare Meets Resistance** | Adam Fincke
- **Whatever It Takes** | Nic Plume
- **Zada 5: The Window Splinters** | R.D. Moreno
- **A Game of Masquerade** | Shani Cossins
- **Where Legends Fall: Lucifer's Halo - Book II** | Phineas Delgado

Vote: tally.so/r/b5PxAO

📖 SCIENCE FICTION

Dystopian / Post-Apocalyptic

Tie for fifth place · 6 finalists

- **Crimson Eden** | Rachel K. Thorne
- **The Vanishing** | Charley Mayne
- **Whispers Beyond the Wall** | J. Jedrisko
- **Rebel Heart** | Kelly Parker
- **Prowler** | Nic Plume
- **Where Nightmare Meets Resistance** | Adam Fincke

Vote: tally.so/r/xXKavJ

👻 HORROR

Horror

- **Kindly Skins** | A.J. Kelley
- **Fixing Her** | F. King Hayes
- **Secret Keeper** | Brooke Montoya
- **Unseen Echoes** | J.D. Setzer
- **The Carnivorous Candy Factory** | L. Lestrangle

Vote: tally.so/r/XxXWzV

👻 HORROR

Supernatural Horror

Tie for fifth place · 6 finalists

- **Spare Parts** | Ginger Moonwitch
- **Unseen Echoes** | J.D. Setzer
- **The Last Chapter** | Michael Paul Patrick
- **Through the Red Glass** | S.P. Rowe
- **I.D.G.A.F.** | Dennis Tree
- **Sealed By Stone** | Pierre Roustan

Vote: tally.so/r/445xEJ

👻 HORROR

Splatterpunk

- **Acidic Honey** | L. Lestrangle
- **Sharpening a Weapon** | Ginger Moonwitch
- **Beg for It** | Dani Rose
- **Pinocchio Lives Book 1: Blood and Circuits** | Viper Ravenclaw
- **Autopilot** | Xxxxx Blank

Vote: tally.so/r/XxXW9e

🔍 THRILLER / MYSTERY

Psychological Thriller / Suspense

- **Murder Manor** | Cori Nevruz
- **Dissension: A Disagreement That Leads to Discord** | Rodney Phillips
- **The Outward Shows the Least** | Milan Gotcher
- **My Wife Is a Serial Killer** | J.D. Setzer
- **Craving Murder** | A.V. Donaldson

Vote: tally.so/r/445xGd





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Thriller / Mystery

- **The Shadow Gentleman** | Robin Alden Howard
- **My Wife Is a Serial Killer** | J.D. Setzer
- **Less Than Equals (Pamela Williams Mysteries Series, Book 2)** | Daniel Maldonado
- **Two Girls Missing** | Emily Camp
- **The Husband Storage** | Chris Pendergrass

Vote: tally.so/r/eq4eyJ

📖 FORMAT-BASED FICTION

Novella

- **Single Woman of the Cloth** | Sarah Ciacia
- **Silence** | J.R. Sawyer
- **The Clients** | Charley Mayne
- **Uncontrollable Urge** | Brooke Montoya
- **You Wound Me** | Alair Novak

Vote: tally.so/r/zxIDbE

📖 NON-FICTION

Memoir / Autobiography / Biography

- **I See U: A Memoir of Survival and Shadows** | Michael Paul Patrick
- **The Witch Files: A Memoir of Resilience** | Aileen Skye
- **Get Up - A Story of One Woman's Journey and the God Who Wouldn't Let Go** | LaVonne M. Chastain
- **Strange Light** | Edson Freeman
- **The Yellow Was a Lie** | Cheyanna Fields

Vote: tally.so/r/b5PxzE

Q THRILLER / MYSTERY

Cozy Mystery

- **Whiskers and Words** | J.C. Ward
- **I Fall to Pieces** | Dani Lewis
- **Quartet Killer** | K.M. Jackways
- **Blood Cute** | Rachel A. Stine
- **Sinner's Prayer** | Dwain Lee

Vote: tally.so/r/kdq6kJ

📖 FORMAT-BASED FICTION

Poetry

- **Verses Till Midnight** | Any Pascual
- **Her Silence** | T.M. Graves
- **Ravens & Roses** | Cole Gray
- **Unlearning You** | L.C. Pierce
- **Venom in Velvet** | J.L. MacDougall

Vote: tally.so/r/RGp5rv

📖 FORMAT-BASED FICTION

Anthology / Collection

- **Summer Lovin': A Spellwings Press Anthology** | Isla Melysin, CK Rider, MU Thorne, Miss B. Haven, KG Ryder, AE LeMercier
- **Tinsel Tidings** | Athena Lightwood
- **Love Drips Red on Dunwich End** | Lydia E. Penrose, Tamsin St. James, Amaya Jax and Madeline Dyer
- **Where the Broken Bloom: A 'Me, Myself, and I' Dark Romance Anthology** | Emily Klepp
- **Pinocchio Lives: Deep Dive and Alternate Takes** | Viper Ravenclaw

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✍️ NON-FICTION

True Crime

All 2 nominees advanced

- **My Wife Is a Serial Killer** | J.D. Setzer
- **13 Days of Silence: The Murder of Rylee James** | Trti Busse

Vote: tally.so/r/A7ZLao

🏳️ REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

LGBTQ+ Fiction

Tie for fifth place · 7 finalists

- **My Person** | G.M. Parrillo
- **Ballad of the Emerald Bard - Opus 02: The Suite of Wolves, Poison, and Revelry** | Dan Bonser
- **The Weight of Solitude** | Emily Shilling
- **Loving Lauren** | Carly Bryant
- **The Saint's Bloodeater** | V.C. Willis
- **Court Ordered: An Unholy Triad Novel** | C. Jacoby
- **Wings and Deception** | Azriel Hope

Vote: tally.so/r/445xOo

🏳️ REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Latin American Fiction

- **Devourance** | Jacquelyn Marquez
- **You Were My First** | Stef Reyna
- **Lost - The Lost City of Incan Gold** | Brigid Kennedy
- **La Mamá Mafiosa** | Celina Thompson
- **Oath to a Withered Star** | Joseph Young

Vote: tally.so/r/PdK5r0

✍️ NON-FICTION

Self-Help / Personal Development

- **The Inner Mediator** | Carol Viana
- **The Writer Field Kit: A Capacity-Aware, Problem-First Workbook for Planning, Drafting, Revising, and Finishing Your Novel** | Isla Melysin
- **The Reflection Series Legacy Edition** | SFC RET William Stephens Jr
- **Sunflowers from Heaven** | Jeffrey Todd Cornwell
- **The Yellow Was a Lie** | Cheyanna Fields

Vote: tally.so/r/kdq6gd

🏳️ REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Black Fiction

- **The Blood Sagas: Blood & Loyalty** | Avery Brown
- **The Hearts of Gods & Men** | D.R. Driver
- **The Dragon** | Kenya Wright
- **In Between Worlds: The Passage of Elian** | Abner Alameen
- **Phoenix War** | Blake Gabrielle

Vote: tally.so/r/1A87NO

🏳️ REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Indigenous Fiction

All 3 nominees advanced

- **Forgotten Dusk** | Skye Lynn Bailey
- **Lost - The Lost City of Incan Gold** | Brigid Kennedy
- **Hypostatic Union** | Aurora Light

Vote: tally.so/r/lbQdz6





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🏆 REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Asian / Pacific Islander Fiction

All 4 nominees advanced

- **The Shadow Assignment** | Jennie L. Bryant
- **Hine (Te Ira Tangata Book 1)** | Patricia Ngaheu
- **TimeZone** | Kathyryne Mae
- **Moon Shadow By Night** | Rainie Dang

Vote: tally.so/r/KYbl8M

🏆 REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Neurodivergent Representation in Fiction

- **The Crew of the Black Rose** | K.G. Ryder
- **Mortala** | Alair Novak
- **The Hearts of Gods & Men** | D.R. Driver
- **The Oracle's Journey** | M.M. Rees
- **The Crystal Island** | Phoenix McDonald

Vote: tally.so/r/pbaBzE

🏆 CRAFT & WRITING

Best Dialogue

Tie for fifth place • 6 finalists

- **The Long Game** | Tequilla Havens
- **Where Her Heart Finds Home** | Alexandra Shaw
- **Ballad of the Emerald Bard - Opus 02: The Suite of Wolves, Poison, and Revelry** | Dan Bonser
- **Love the Ones You're With** | S.J. Perrault
- **The Hearts of Gods & Men** | D.R. Driver
- **Bright Paw** | Ruby Ellis

Vote: tally.so/r/QKL58g

🏆 REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Middle Eastern / North African Fiction

No submissions this year, so no finalist ballot.

🏆 REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION

Disability Representation in Fiction

- **The Accidental Future Of Dean Harris** | Derek McFadden
- **Whatever It Takes** | Nic Plume
- **The Daisy Chain Reaction** | A.C. Nightingale
- **Crimson Ice** | Emily Klepp
- **Judas** | Alair Novak

Vote: tally.so/r/rj7Av5

🏆 CRAFT & WRITING

Best Prose

- **Siren** | Isla Melysin
- **Origins: The Scarlet Cowl** | G.M. Parrillo
- **Prowler** | Nic Plume
- **Echoes of Sin** | Sadie Knights
- **Sticks & Stones** | Vivian Rage

Vote: tally.so/r/9qVDR1

🏆 CRAFT & WRITING

Best Multiple POVs

- **Family Ties** | A. Paige Turner
- **Divine Sin: The Dark Awakening** | Mysti Graves
- **Dare Me to Stay** | A.J. Wilding
- **Convent - Inception** | Kerri Stoner
- **A New War** | C.K. Rider

Vote: tally.so/r/Zj061a





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📖 CRAFT & WRITING

Best Trope Execution

- **Dare Me to Stay** | A.J. Wilding
- **Forgotten Dusk** | Skye Lynn Bailey
- **Mortala** | Alair Novak
- **Prowler** | Nic Plume
- **You Were My First** | Stef Reyna

Vote: tally.so/r/vGkyJd

📖 CRAFT & WRITING

Best Magic System

- **A New War** | C.K. Rider
- **Where Nightmare Meets Resistance** | Adam Fincke
- **Ballad of the Emerald Bard - Opus 02: The Suite of Wolves, Poison, and Revelry** | Dan Bonser
- **A Vow of Steel and Flame** | Jenise Carrington
- **The Hearts of Gods & Men** | D.R. Driver

Vote: tally.so/r/xXKa4G

🎧 PRODUCTION & FORMAT

Best Indie Audiobook

Tie for fifth place · 7 finalists

- **Rule the Night** | Sadie Hunt
- **Fatebound** | Graham Fontaine
- **Where Life Takes Us** | Alexandra Shaw
- **Legend of Mist and Blade** | A.M. Ross
- **Prowler** | Nic Plume
- **The Hundred Lives I Lived Before You** | Sean W. Willson
- **Babalon** | Alair Novak

Vote: tally.so/r/gD2MYN

🎧 PRODUCTION & FORMAT

Best Audiobook Narrator

- **Under Moonlit Ashes** | T.A. Thornwell | Narrator: Scarlett Cross
- **Rule the Night** | Sadie Hunt | Narrator: E.M. Wylde
- **Siren** | Isla Melysin | Narrator: Lauren Rodriguez
- **Deadfish** | Hyaline Roh Graveclothes | Narrator: Crickett
- **Legend of Mist and Blade** | A.M. Ross | Narrator: Kate Clover

Vote: tally.so/r/zxLDW1

🎧 PRODUCTION & FORMAT

Best Cover Design

- **Siren** | Isla Melysin
- **Moonbitten & Bloodbound** | Reese Wilder
- **Echoes of Sin** | Sadie Knights
- **A New War** | C.K. Rider
- **Unseen Echoes** | J.D. Setzer

Vote: tally.so/r/ODv58K

🎧 PRODUCTION & FORMAT

Best Editor

- **Dare Me to Stay** | A.J. Wilding | Editor: Nicole DiPatri Sheldon
- **Emit After Emit** | Sean W. Willson | Editor: Rosalee Skoyles
- **The Monster Within** | Alexandra Shaw | Editor: Massiel Lago
- **A New War** | C.K. Rider | Editor: Ann Hume
- **Under Moonlit Ashes** | T.A. Thornwell | Editor: C.A. Tiner

Vote: tally.so/r/kdq6K6





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☆ NEW AUTHOR RECOGNITION

Best Debut Novel

- **Before the Ember Sparks: Book One of The Shattered Crown Saga** | James J. Genovese II
- **Mellifluous** | Imogen Pyre
- **The Viper and The Rose** | J.D. Semmes
- **Siren** | Isla Melysin
- **Unmasked Hearts** | K.E. Noel

Vote: tally.so/r/445xPb

🏆 CHARACTER AWARDS

Favorite Morally Gray Character

- **Our Little Ruin** | Reese Wilder | Character: Declan
- **The First Sin** | E.D. Yates | Character: Lucien
- **Beautiful Ruin** | Y.V. Rose | Character: Kieran Reign
- **Escape** | K.C. Blackwell | Character: Kael
- **Daughter of the Scepter** | Dani Kay | Character: Soren

Vote: tally.so/r/obWMpN

🏆 CHARACTER AWARDS

Most Unforgettable Character

- **Bonds of Slavery** | Charley Mayne | Character: Ryan Murphy
- **The Last Girl on Earth** | Mel Del Pablo | Character: Eve
- **The Lost Bloodlines: A Blessed Three Novel** | Richard Pinheiro-Rivera | Character: Richie Blackwell
- **Gargoyle's Bargain** | Reese Wilder | Character: Ailith
- **Rebel Heart** | Kelly Parker | Character: Olivia

Vote: tally.so/r/5BR15Q

🏆 CHARACTER AWARDS

Best Villain

- **Siren** | Isla Melysin | Villain: Queen Mab
- **The First Sin** | E.D. Yates | Villain: Lucien
- **Bonds of Slavery** | Charley Mayne | Villain: Wilkins
- **Echoes of Sin** | Sadie Knights | Villain: Liam
- **The Boy in the Box** | W. Pearl | Villain: Gabriel

Vote: tally.so/r/dWrxpD

📖 SERIES & AUTHOR POPULARITY

Most Hype-Worthy Indie Author

- **Reese Wilder**
- **Abby Moore**
- **E.D. Yates**
- **A. Paige Turner**
- **Richard Pinheiro-Rivera**

Vote: tally.so/r/aQVYo2

📖 SERIES & AUTHOR POPULARITY

Best Completed Indie Series

- **Blackwell Butchers** | Sadie Hunt
- **The Semideus Chronicles** | T.M. Ford
- **The Trident Throne Trilogy** | Isla Melysin
- **Wayward Academy** | Brooklyn Cross
- **The Ironbacks** | Alexandra Shaw

Vote: tally.so/r/KYblgz





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🏆 SERIES & AUTHOR POPULARITY

Reader's Choice Award

- **Moonbitten & Bloodbound** | Reese Wilder
- **Risen from Ash: Guardians of Alistile** | Samantha Vargas
- **Scales of the Moltherin** | J.C. Dawn
- **Echoes of Sin** | Sadie Knights
- **Soapy Sally and the Cousin Crew: Return to Bubble Fox Hollow** | Amy Lucille

Vote: tally.so/r/D4QdyE

📖 READER EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Most Satisfying HEA

- **Patterns of Us** | S.J. Gathercole
- **My Little Doe** | J.L. Rosenauer
- **Sinful Desires** | Ginger Moonwitch
- **Heart of the Corsair** | Alyssa Romeo
- **The Legacy of Ash and Thunder** | Elijah Stepanovich

Vote: tally.so/r/1A875b

🏆 CREATOR & COMMUNITY AWARDS

Indie Community Champion

- **MommaD** | @mommad1452
- **Amber After Dark Reads** | @AmberAfterDarkReads
- **The Bibliophagist** | @thebibliophagist
- **Jessica Netterstrom** | @booktokqutiepie
- **Alana Madison** | @alana.m.madison

Vote: tally.so/r/xXKaok

📖 READER EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Binge-Worthy Book

- **In The Dark** | J.L. Mel
- **Escape** | K.C. Blackwell
- **Adult Goals** | Abby Moore
- **Veiled** | Cooper James
- **Our Little Ruin** | Reese Wilder

Vote: tally.so/r/lbQd5V

📖 READER EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Ultimate Re-Read

- **MoonBitten & BloodBound** | Reese Wilder
- **The Lost Bloodlines: A Blessed Three Novel** | Richard Pinheiro-Rivera
- **An Author and Her Dog** | Mel DePablos
- **Sinful Desires** | Ginger Moonwitch
- **Cosplay and Consequences** | S. Pedigo

Vote: tally.so/r/2E0N5M

📖 READER EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Best Hidden Gem

- **A Shroud Undone** | A.M. Woodbury
- **Before The Ruin** | C.Y. Benton
- **Miss Metamorph** | Camille Fitzgerald
- **The Viper and The Rose** | J.D. Semmes
- **Emily's Story** | A. Paige Turner

Vote: tally.so/r/yPL9G6





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🏆 CREATOR & COMMUNITY AWARDS

Indie BookTok Creator of the Year

- MommaD | @mommad1452
- Cheyanna's Book Nook | @mamabetweenchapters
- Inkbound Society/Amanda Kilkenney | @the.inkbound.society / @amanda_kc_reads
- A.Paige.Turner | @a.paige.turner.author
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- Alana Madison | @alana.m.madison

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📅 What Happens Next



Round 1 Voting — Complete

September 1 – October 1, 2026



Finalist Voting — Open Now

October 2 – November 13, 2026. Vote for one finalist in each category using the ballot links in this list or the Finalist Voting Guide.



Winners Announced

December 19, 2026, at the live-streamed BookTok Indie Author Awards show

Congratulations and good luck to every 2026 finalist!

