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Beverly Scott receives national recognition through the NEW YORK CITY BIG BOOK AWARD®!

San Francisco, CA -- The NEW YORK CITY BIG BOOK AWARD recognized *Sarah's Secret, A Western Tale of Betrayal and Forgiveness* in the category of **Western Fiction** as a **2109 Distinguished Favorite**.

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.

Sarah's Secret, A Western Tale of Betrayal and Forgiveness

(Historical Fiction, American and Western)

Widowed with 5 children, Sarah must make a treacherous journey back across the Plains to start her life over again. The journey helps her discover her own strength and ability to survive alone. Then, Sarah learns the devastating secret about her late husband Sam that takes her to more hardship and sorrow.

New York, NY -- Once again, in 2019, the **New York City Big Book Award** achieved worldwide participation. Entries remained impressive. Book submissions streamed in from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. Cities across the globe such as Bangkok, Cape Town, London, Los Angeles, Nagasaki and New York were represented in the 2019 entries. Winners were recognized globally from Australia, Cambodia, Canada, England and the United States of America. The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional

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"We are proud to announce the diversity of the 2019 Winners and Distinguished Favorites in our annual **New York City Big Book Award**," said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak. Included are *New York Times* bestseller author Lev Grossman's "The Magicians: Alice's Story," a graphic novel, to the independent publisher *Fig Tree Books'* "A River Could be a Tree," a memoir by Angela Himsel. Categories featured a wide variety of subjects. "Ephphatha," a nonfiction account of a deaf boy's rise to Ivy League basketball; to a young adult fiction title "The Adventures of Jules Khan," a story about Muslim superheros were amongst the 2019 **New York City Big Book Award** Winner and Distinguished Favorite respectively. Excellent books exist globally, regardless of where the author resides or the culture. "We are happy to highlight these books, recognize their excellence, and share their achievements," said Olczak.

For more information, please visit: www.nycbigbookaward.com. To view the list of winners, visit <https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/2019winners>; and find Distinguished Favorites listed here: <https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/2019distinguishedfavorites>.

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