

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL AUTHOR RECEIVES TWO NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS

Fayetteville attorney and author Mike Langan recently received two national literary awards for his second legal mystery novel, "Ready for the Defense." On March 5, 2009, Langan received the award for the best book set in the Mid-Atlantic region, in the 4th Annual Reader Views' Literary Competition. Two days later, on March 7, Langan received the award for the best mystery / suspense novel, in the 10th Annual EPPIE Competition.

The Reader Views' Annual Literary Awards were established to honor writers who had their books published by an independent book publisher. "Reader Views reviews more than 2,000 books per year from budding authors who have worked hard to achieve their dream of being published," says Reader Views Managing Editor Irene Watson. "Our Annual Literary Awards recognize the very best of these up-and-coming authors, all talented writers who we know have very promising writing careers ahead of them." The Reader Views Annual Literary Awards are granted in fiction and nonfiction categories, as well as regional, global and specialized, sponsored categories. The entries are first read and judged by Reader Views reviewers, all avid readers with a wide range of experiences, considered experts in the respective fields. The second-line judges make the final decision.

The EPPIE Awards—given by the Electronically Published Internet Connection (or EPIC)—were established to recognize outstanding achievement in electronic publishing. Eligible books include those that are published both electronically and in paperback, such as Langan's novel. EPPIE Awards are granted in fiction and nonfiction categories. The categories are judged by members of EPIC, all published authors and publishing professionals. After the first round of judging, the works of the finalists are sent to another panel of judges and the winners are selected. The winners are announced at the EPIC conference's gala award ceremony at the annual EPIC Convention, which was held this year in Las Vegas.

Set in Washington, DC, "Ready for the Defense" is about first-year lawyer Hank Fisher, who must defend a female United States senator in a criminal investigation by himself in order to find the person who killed his boss. Fisher's sleuthing uncovers an illegal campaign contribution and a possible connection to germ warfare.

The novel is available for purchase in trade paperback or electronic format through several online booksellers, including Amazon and TrebleHeartBooks.com. It is also available for purchase in trade paperback locally at the Onondaga County Bar Association's Office in Syracuse, Creekside Books in Skaneateles, River's End Bookstore in Oswego, the Colgate Bookstore in Hamilton, or by special order at other bookstores (ISBN 978-1-932-69570-0, Treble Heart Books, 2008).

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