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NOVEL SET IN SYRACUSE NAMED FINALIST FOR NATIONAL LITERARY AWARD

On March 12, 2009, Fayetteville attorney Mike Langan's legal mystery novel *Dark Horse*, set in Syracuse, was selected as a finalist for *ForeWord Magazine's* Book-of-the-Year Award in the mystery category.

More than 1,400 books were entered in 61 categories in the competition. *ForeWord Magazine* says that the finalists "represent some of the best work coming from today's independent press community."

The winners will be determined by a panel of librarians and booksellers, selected from *ForeWord Magazine's* readership. Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners, as well as Editor's Choice Prizes for Fiction and Nonfiction will be announced at a special program at BookExpo America at the Javits Center in New York City on May 29, 2009. The winners of the two Editor's Choice Prizes will be awarded \$1,500 each. The ceremony is open to all BookExpo America attendees.

On March 5 and 7, 2009, Langan's second mystery novel, *Ready for the Defense*, received two national literary awards: the award for the best book set in the Mid-Atlantic region, in the 4th Annual Reader Views' Literary Competition; and the award for the best mystery / suspense novel, in the 10th Annual EPPIE Competition. Readers can learn more about Langan's novels at MikeLangan.com.

Dark Horse is available for purchase in hardcover through several online booksellers, including Amazon and BarnesandNoble.com. It is also available for purchase 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 978-1-59414-664-0, Five Star, 2008).

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