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Springfield, IL Author Earns International Book Award for Debut Novel

Kathleen H. Wheeler's poignant family drama Brought to Our Senses named a finalist in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

Springfield, IL, May 31, 2017 – Springfield author Kathleen H. Wheeler's debut *Brought to Our Senses* has been named a finalist in the First Novel category of the 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Known as the 'Sundance' of the book publishing world, the international competition recognizes the most exceptional books published independent of the "Big Five" conglomerates through small presses, larger independent publishers, university presses, e-book publishers, and self-published authors. The Next Generation Indie Book Awards are judged by leaders of the indie book publishing industry, including many coming from long careers with major publishing houses, to identify cream-of-the-crop books worthy of support to reach a wider audience of readers.

"Books winning the Indie Book Award are selected on merit alone, without regard for publisher, imprint agenda, or financial gain," notes author Kathleen H. Wheeler. "This award embraces the authentic voices of writers willing to push the boundaries of creativity to deepen our collective level of understanding. I'm flattered for my novel to be honored in the company of such groundbreaking artists."

In the poignant family drama *Brought to Our Senses*, four troubled siblings are torn apart and then brought back together by their mother's tragic health crisis. *Kirkus Reviews* praises the novel as "A profound analysis of complicated family dynamics ... Wheeler's gripping novel is ambitious ..."
Midwest Book Review raves "Very highly recommended as a striking jewel that is a glowing standout ... one of the most true-to-life, gripping accounts on the complexities of interconnected family relationships that has appeared in recent years ..."

Brought to Our Senses is available in Springfield from a select list of locally-owned establishments supporting independents, including Mel-O-Cream Donuts, The Blue Door Artist Gallery, The Corkscrew Wine Emporium, and Vono Medical Supplies. The book is distributed nationally by Ingram, Baker & Taylor, [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), and all major online booksellers. Learn more about the family saga novel, preview a chapter, and read praise at www.BroughtToOurSenses.com.

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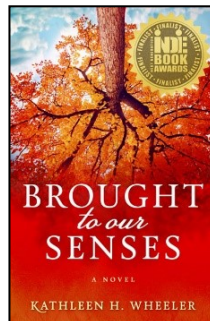
The Next Generation Indie Book Awards is the largest not-for-profit book awards program for indie authors and independent publishers. In its eleventh year of operation, the Next Generation Indie Book Awards was established to recognize and honor the most exceptional independently published books for the year and is presented by the Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group. For more information, visit www.IndieBookAwards.com.

About the Author:



Award-winning author Kathleen H. Wheeler writes stories that sing because she cannot. A graduate of the University of Illinois, she has wordsmithed as a marketing communications professional for ad agencies and corporations since Nike first coined the slogan “Just Do It.” Wheeler is a music enthusiast and lifelong fan of a British musician known by a one-syllable nickname. Along with her husband and two children, she calls the Land of Lincoln home. Visit www.AuthorKathleenHWheeler.com for more information.

About the Book:



Elizabeth Miller discovers that aging parents are a family affair when her divorced mother receives a deadly diagnosis and becomes a volatile patient. Forced to work with siblings at odds through the crisis, she learns when all is lost, family begs to be found.

Brought to Our Senses (Attunement Publishing, November 2016, ISBN 9780996555531, paperback \$16, ebook \$9.99) is available from Ingram, Baker & Taylor, and all major online booksellers. Learn more at www.BroughtToOurSenses.com.

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