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*SIT STAY PRAY* named Humor Finalist in the 32nd Annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ Program

Saint Paul, Minnesota — Today, Beaver's Pond Press is proud to announce that its 2019 title *Sit Stay Pray* has been recognized as a Humor finalist in the prestigious IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™ program.

The Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA)—[www.ibpa-online.org](http://www.ibpa-online.org)—announced finalists last week for their flagship award program recognizing excellence and innovation in independent publishing for 32 years.

*Sit Stay Pray* is the second book published by Little Big Ears (a.k.a. Lina), an Australian Shepherd who writes "tails" about her crazy life with her Momma, Robin Kelleher, split between Minnesota and Florida. Her first book, *Lina Unleashed*, was an award winner in 2018.

"It's very gratifying for us to see Lina and Robin once again attract praise for their witty and one-of-a-kind stories," said Alicia Ester, managing editor at Beaver's Pond Press. "We hope this honor will bring even more attention to this charming book, which is just the kind of fun escape readers need at this time."

Over 160 volunteer librarians, booksellers, and design and editorial experts—most of whom have decades of book industry experience—judged the 1,697 entries submitted to the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award program. The judging process took seven months, beginning in September 2019 and continuing into March 2020. At the end of the process, all 1,697 entrants will be given a written critique from each of the three judges who reviewed the book.

In May 2020, one finalist in each of the 55 categories will be named a Gold winner during a special online announcement. The remaining finalists in each category will become Silver winners.

