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Solace: Writing, Refuge, and LGBTQ Women of Color named 2017 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards Finalist

CLAYTON, NC—Today, BLF Press is pleased to announce *Solace: Writing, Refuge, and LGBTQ Women Of Color* has been recognized as a finalist in the 20th annual Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards.

As part of its mission to discover, review, and share the best books from university and independent publishers (and authors), independent media company Foreword Magazine, Inc. hosts its annual awards program each year. Finalists represent the best books published in 2017. After more than 2,000 individual titles spread across 65 genres were submitted for consideration, the list of finalists was determined by Foreword's editorial team. Winners will be decided by an expert team of booksellers and librarians—representing Foreword's readership—from across the country.

The complete list of finalists can be found at:

<https://www.forewordreviews.com/awards/finalists/2017/>

“Choosing finalists for the INDIES is always the highlight of our year, but the job is very difficult due to the high quality of submissions,” said Victoria Sutherland, founder/publisher of *Foreword Reviews*. “Each new book award season proves again how independent publishers are the real innovators in the industry.”

“We are thrilled that *Solace* has been recognized as an INDIES finalist in LGBT Adult Nonfiction,” said Stephanie Andrea Allen, BLF Press founder and publisher. “BLF Press is honored to be in the company of so many forward-thinking presses doing the work of amplifying marginalized voices.”

Winners in each genre—along with Editor's Choice Prize winners and Foreword's INDIE Publisher of the Year—will be announced June 15, 2018.

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