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***Love Brain & Other Minefields* Named 2025 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards Finalist**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Today, Swantorini Press is pleased to announce [*Love Brain & Other Minefields*](#) by Alan Collenette has been recognized as a finalist, short stories category, in the 28th 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, *Foreword* Magazine, Inc. hosts an annual awards program each year. [Finalists represent the best books published in 2025.](#)

The complete list of Finalists can be found at:
<https://www.forewordreviews.com/awards/finalists/2025/>

“This year’s finalist judging process leaves us buoyant about the health of independent publishing,” says Executive Editor Matt Sutherland. “From Self-Help titles to Business, Poetry to Juvenile Nonfiction, we have never seen such a remarkable collection of submissions. With the competition so tight, the 2025 finalists should feel immensely proud.”

“Readers have embraced *Love Brain & Other Minefields* for its wit, emotional honesty, and unforgettable characters,” said Christine Noelle, Founder of Swantorini Press. “We’re thrilled to see their appreciation reflected in the book being named a Finalist in the Short Stories category of the 28th Annual Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards.”

Author Alan Collenette stated, “I am humbled by the extraordinary welcome my readers have given to *Love Brain & Other Minefields*, and thrilled to learn how much enjoyment the book has brought them. I have always believed that we share a single, powerful bond: our humanity. This book is my attempt to give a voice to that bond.”

Winners in each genre, along with Editor’s Choice Prize winners and *Foreword*’s Indie Publisher of the Year, will be announced in June 2026.

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[Swantorini Press](#) is a boutique independent publisher focused on bringing distinctive literary voices and memorable storytelling to readers. The press publishes select works of fiction, poetry, and narrative nonfiction that demonstrates strong narrative craft and emotional insight. With an emphasis on high-quality storytelling and literary merit, Swantorini Press works closely with authors to bring engaging, enduring stories to readers who value both craft and originality.

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