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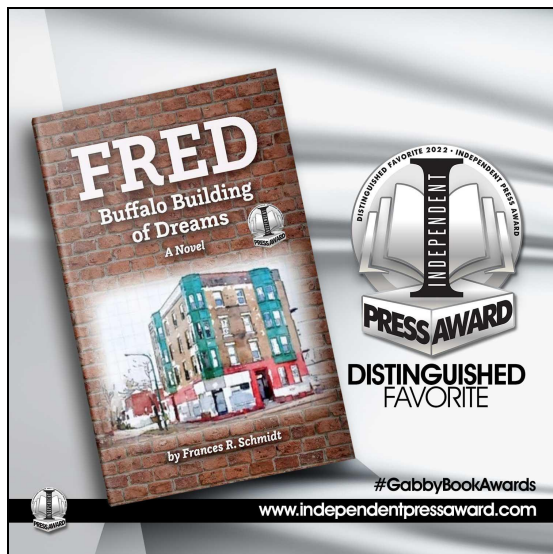
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Local author receives international recognition
through the INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD®!

Greater Buffalo Area, NY. -- The INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD recognized *FRED: Buffalo Building of Dreams* by Frances R. Schmidt in the category **Historical Fiction** as a **Distinguished Favorite**.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters. Selected IPA Award Winners and Distinguished Favorites are based on overall excellence.



FRED: Buffalo Building of Dreams, built in 1900, tells the oral history and legacy of generations of his ethnically and culturally diverse tenants and their families who arrived in America from all over the world, during the span of a hundred twenty years.

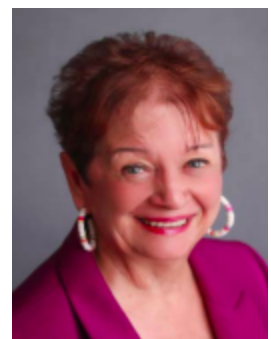
This multi- period historical fiction novel shares Fred's appreciation of the value of freedom and what it means to thrive and survive in the 21st Century and beyond. It is

a legacy of hope for current and future generations to come.

In 2022, the INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD had entries worldwide. Authors and publishers from countries such as Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Jordan, Puerto Rico, Switzerland participated.

Books submitted included writers based in cities such as Anchorage to Memphis; from Berkeley to Philadelphia; Calgary to Sydney; from Albuquerque to New York City; from Princeton to Santa Monica as well as others.

"We are proud to announce the winners and distinguished favorites in our annual 2022 INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD. This year included an array of quality and diverse independent books," Olczak said.



Frances R. Schmidt

"It's crystal clear that independent publishing is pushing on every corner of the earth with great content. We are thrilled to be highlighting key titles representing global independent publishing." said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak.

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2022 WINNERS: <https://www.independentpressaward.com/2022winners>

2022 DISTINGUISHED FAVORITES:
<https://www.independentpressaward.com/2022distinguishedfavorites>

About the Author

Fran has a passion for people and an enthusiasm for their personal histories. In this first novel, FRED: Buffalo Building of Dreams, she uses her storytelling skills to help FRED impart the compelling tales of the tenants and their families who called him their home for over more than a century. It is an imaginative and well-researched slice of history as told by a humble apartment building. FRED's intimate observations reveal to him (and to us) what it means to be human.

With possible demolition looming, Fran's goal was to tell the building's tales before it was too late. Her promise to FRED has been achieved and it has been an extraordinary experience that changed her life forever. She has learned the importance of historical accuracy and the truths it can reveal.

The novel was honored to be selected for a first chapter professional reading on the Novel Writing Festival website (August 2020).

Fran is a retired director of a Buffalo, New York college career counseling center. Stemming from that experience, Fran has authored two well-received job search books, Getting Hired, Handbook for College Graduates and Getting Hired in any Job Market, and several related articles. Once again, helping people tell their stories. Fran was the past Founder and Coordinator of an all volunteer Back on Track Career Peer Mentoring Program for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of WNY from 2000-2017.

Fran Schmidt resides in the Western New York region.

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