

# Nick Hern Books nominated at the IPG Independent Publishing Awards



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*Theatre publishers & performing rights agents*

Leading specialist theatre publishers Nick Hern Books have been nominated for Specialist Consumer Publisher of the Year at the 2019 IPG Independent Publishing Awards.

This marks NHB's first nomination at the Independent Publishing Guild's annual awards. It is in recognition for their work throughout their thirtieth anniversary in 2018, which saw a record number of titles; the release of their first ebooks; multiple awards wins for NHB plays such as *The Ferryman*, *Angels in America* and *Nine Night*, and special anniversary celebrations, including:

- Amateur Theatre Fest, a sold-out, one-day event of talks and workshops with speakers such as Mike Bartlett, Jez Butterworth, Simon Callow and Amanda Whittington
- A panel talk on playwriting held at the National Theatre with NHB authors Alecky Blythe, Howard Brenton, Natasha Gordon and Conor McPherson, plus publisher Nick Hern
- A commemorative postcard book, *30 Years/30 Plays*, showcasing thirty playtext covers from across NHB's history

Matt Applewhite, Managing Director of Nick Hern Books, said:

**'It's a great honour to be nominated at the Independent Publishing Awards for the first time. We're very proud of our publishing and work in representing and championing fantastic UK theatre, and I'm thankful to every member of the NHB team who each made such an immensely valuable contribution throughout our thirtieth anniversary in 2018. I'm also particularly delighted that the judges made special mention of our close connections to our readers, our authors and our partners, who are at the heart of all we strive to do.'**

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