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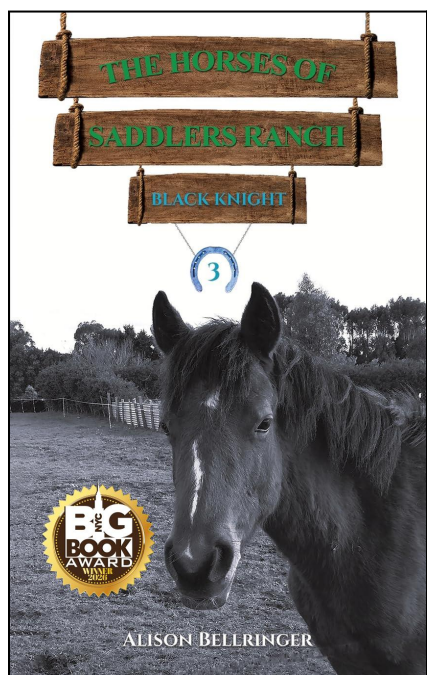
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Two Time Award-winning Author Alison Bellringer Receives International Recognition Through the NYC Big Book Award®!

Manawatu, NZ -- The NYC Big Book Award recognized [*The Horses of Saddlers Ranch: Black Knight*](#) by Alison Bellringer as the winner in Juvenile Fiction and as a distinguished favorite in Middle Grade.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, booksellers, librarians and professional copywriters. Winners are based on overall excellence.



When seventeen-year-old Coral Johnson discovers a mysterious black stallion wandering her family's property in the middle of the night, her life at Saddlers Ranch is upended by the equine mystery and the unexpected arrival of a roaming cowboy seeking work. As she navigates these new additions alongside her friends, Coral must face fresh challenges, take on greater responsibilities, and embrace personal growth in this heartwarming coming-of-age story.

NYC Big Book Award received book submissions worldwide. Entrepreneurs, Film & Television writers, Historians, and Journalists, from well established to first time indie authors and presses participated.

Entries this year were received from the United States as well as countries such as Australia, Canada, England, Greece, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Cities represented among the entries were Auckland, Frankfurt, Hollywood, Johannesburg, NYC, Sydney, and West Palm Beach.

Publishers included Beacon Press, Berrett-Koehler, Casemate, Edinburgh University Press, Forbes Books, Kiplinger Books, NYU

Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Penguin Random House, Rizzoli, Routledge, The White House Historical Association, University of California Press, and Wiley.

We have an amazing list of authors from around the globe participating this year, said awards sponsor Gabby Olczak. I'm so excited to share these books with a worldwide readership!

See the NYC Big Book winners at: <https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/>. NYC Big Book Award is announced every fall. NYC Big Book Award is open to all authors, publishers, and illustrators, and includes submissions from the big five publishers. Join us for the Awards Dinner on April 10th, <https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/awardsdinner>, held at the BookCAMP event, April 9-10, 2027, <https://www.ipabookcamp.com>, where recipients from both programs will walk on stage to receive their awards.