

**SMASH ALL THE WINDOWS  
BY JANE DAVIS  
NAMED WINNER OF THE 2019 SELFIES AWARD**

**\*Jane Davis beats 7 other self-published authors to win the inaugural Selfies Award**

**\*An all-women shortlist of 8 with novels covering wide variety of topics**

**\**Smash all the Windows* a complex and remarkable story expertly published**

**London, 6.30am 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019:** *Smash all the Windows* by Jane Davis has been named winner of the 2019 Selfies Award. The novel, Davis's eighth, explores the complex emotions of the families of the victims of a terrible disaster. Thirteen years later, the undoing of a miscarriage of justice should be the cause of rejoicing – but the search for truth has impacted their lives so dramatically that nothing can be the same again.

The book isn't just beautifully written, however. Davis has also taken on all aspects of the publishing process herself: editing, production, marketing and sales. With a healthy Twitter following, a Virtual Book Club, a well-read blog and excellent star ratings for her book on Good Reads, the judges (literary agents Kate Barker and Annette Crosland, Robin Cutler of IngramSpark, Emily Laidlaw of the London Book Fair and Jo Henry of BookBrunch) were hugely impressed with her achievement:

Sponsored by IngramSpark, and launched in late 2018 with the support of the London Book Fair and Bookcollective, The Selfies reward the best self-published work of fiction in the UK.

"It was an honor to be part of such a great panel of judges for "The Selfies," an inaugural award for indie authors. The quality of the writing of all the finalists made it a hard choice in the end." said Robin Cutler, Director of IngramSpark.

Annett Crossland added: "Being on the panel of judges for The Selfies shortlist has been an absolutely fantastic and enjoyable experience. The quality of the entries was extremely high, which made choosing a winner challenging, and interesting that despite our very different tastes we were unanimous in our choice for the overall winner".

Davis received her award at a packed event in the London Book Fair's Author's HQ yesterday evening. *Smash all the Windows* topped an all-women shortlist, with novels covering a huge variety of genres including historical crime fiction, LGBTQ and disability. Davis receives £1,500 in cash plus a special publishing package from IngramSpark, a cover design and a publicity campaign worth £1,000 from Bookcollective for her next book.



From left to right: Heleen Kist, Susan Grossey, Robin Cutler (IngramSpark), Anita Belli, Kathleen Jowitt, Jane Davis (winner), Jane Steen (runner-up), Mel Gough, Jo Henry (BookBrunch), Caroline Goldsworthy

The judges were so struck by the quality of the shortlist that they also agreed to reward a runner-up certificate to Jane Steen for her historical crime novel *Lady Jane Investigates*, which had racked up impressive sales. This is the first title in a new series; Steen is also the author of the House of Closed Doors books.

#### *Notes for Editors*

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