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*The Mayan Glyph* by Larry Baxter receives an Independent Publisher Book Award

**JULY 18, 2006 (GLOUCESTER, MA.)** – *The Mayan Glyph* by Larry Baxter was a finalist for Mystery writing in the 2006 Independent Publisher Book Awards. The book also captured the best action-adventure award at the Eppies competition.

Standing on a stone pyramid in Mexico or Guatemala, you can imagine the long-gone Maya population and their intricate and bloody religious ceremonies. Now only the temples remain, and the mystery of the population's sudden disappearance.

*The Mayan Glyph* offers an explanation for this archeological mystery. It's a fast-paced tale about a deadly virus unleashed at a Mayan dig that threatens all of humanity unless a cure can be found. That's when the real adventure begins. *The Mayan Glyph* keeps its pace throughout the story, building on a budding romance and an out-of-control virus.

Baxter has cleverly crafted the characters in *The Mayan Glyph*, from corrupt Mexican cops to the researchers that find a possible cure for the virus in glyphs chiseled into stone in Uxmal over 900 years ago. Did the ancient Maya have the medical technology to not only find a cure for the virus, but reveal the cure on these glyphs?

Baxter weaves an edge-of-your-seat tale alternating between the ancient Maya and today's expedition in the Mexican jungle. Baxter has done his homework, bringing the Mayan ruins, culture and its rich history to life. It's a smart, scientific puzzler wrapped around an adventure.

"It's the perfect beach novel for a Caribbean vacation – or for reading in the backyard, wishing you were on a Caribbean vacation," said Jim Barnes, *Independent Publisher Online* editor and IPPY awards director. "This book will appeal to a wide array of readers, from techie to touchy-feely. Think *Andromeda Strain* meets *Against All Odds*. Both a trip back in time and a glimpse of a frightening future, *The Mayan Glyph* is a wild, spine-tingling ride."

The IPPY Awards were conceived in 1996 as a broad-based, unaffiliated awards program open to all members of the independent publishing industry. The awards are intended to bring increased recognition to the thousands of exemplary independent, university, and self-published titles produced each year. The IPPY rewards those who exhibit the courage, innovation, and creativity to bring about change in the world of publishing.

The 2006 Independent Publisher Book Awards attracted books from more than 1,500 publishers around the world, including all 50 U.S. states, 7 Canadian provinces, and 16 foreign countries. Awards were presented at Book Expo America in Washington, D.C., at the 10th annual IPPY Award Celebration, where Larry Baxter was named one of three finalists for Mystery writing. There were more than 85 entries in that category.

For more information on the book, *The Mayan Glyph* by Larry Baxter, please e-mail [maya@capsense.com](mailto:maya@capsense.com). For information about IPPY awards and the Book of the Year awards, visit [www.independentpublisher.com](http://www.independentpublisher.com).

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