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**New Book Wins Silver Medal in Independent Publisher Book Awards; Offers Hope For Those Dealing With Death, Grief**

*Flagship title “Conversations With Jerry And Other People I Thought Were Dead” by speaker and self-acceptance coach Irene Kendig wins coveted Silver Medal in Death & Dying category for Grateful Press LLC*

Reston, Va. – Grateful Press, LLC was rewarded right out of the gate with news that its flagship title, *Conversations With Jerry and Other People I Thought Were Dead* by self-acceptance coach Irene Kendig, has garnered a Silver Medal in the Death and Dying category of the 2010 Independent Publisher Book Awards. The competition is judged by independent experts from all aspects of the independent book industry. The author accepted her medal at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual “IPPY” awards ceremony on May 25 in a ceremony that kicked off this year’s Book Expo America, the industry’s largest show in North America.

The IPPY Awards are presented by IndependentPublisher.com, the “voice of independent publishing” operated by publishing services firm Jenkins Group of Traverse City, Michigan. *Conversations With Jerry and Other People I Thought Were Dead* competed with 3,890 entries in 67 national and 20 regional categories for the prize in the competition, which is open exclusively to independent, university and self-published titles.

Kendig’s book is rapidly gaining recognition as an enlightening, life-affirming account of her experiences communicating through a medium with loved ones whose existence on Earth had ended. Subtitled “Seven compelling dialogues that will transform the way you think about dying...and living,” the book now serves as part of the author’s outreach as a professional speaker on death and dying, and as a personal self-acceptance coach.

The book is helpful reading for healthcare professionals, therapists, and anyone facing end-of-life issues. In *Conversations With Jerry*, the author offers hope through her own life-changing experiences as examples of how these people can shift the way they think about death and move through it to make peace with the past, develop a loving and compassionate relationship with themselves, and enjoy a renewed sense of optimism about life.

The 352-page softcover book retails for \$19.95 USD and is available at the book's website, [conversationswithjerry.com](http://conversationswithjerry.com), on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and through booksellers.

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