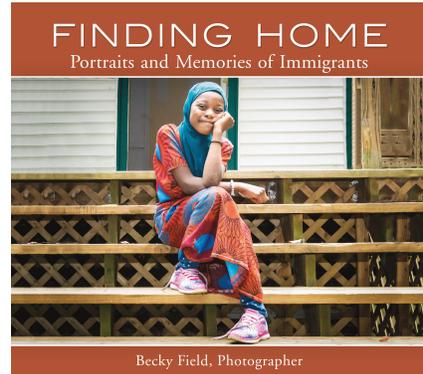


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Book on New Hampshire Immigrants Wins National Awards

Concord, NH, June 7, 2021 - In her recent book, [*Finding Home: Portraits and Memories of Immigrants*](#), New Hampshire photographer, Becky Field uses her lens to illustrate the vitality of cultural diversity, along with stories by immigrants that describe the many ways people come to resettle in the Granite State. Her book has just been named an “Outstanding Book of the Year,” winning a 2021 Gold IPPY award, from Independent Publisher. *Finding Home* has also been recognized with a 2021 Silver Benjamin Franklin Award in the Multicultural category from the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA).

Since 2012, Field has photographed the lives of immigrants in the Granite State. For this book, in addition to her photography, she interviewed forty families about their journeys to come to New Hampshire. She met with families throughout the state: North Country, Upper Valley, Monadnock region, Seacoast area, and central New Hampshire. In their own words, the immigrants share their stories of life in the home country, the pressures to leave, and the opportunities and challenges of resettling in a new land. The book includes people from thirty-one countries of origin and seventeen New Hampshire communities.

Field’s book was published in 2020 by Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, NH, and it is available in bookstores and online retailers through distributor Pathway Book Service in Keene, NH. It has been honored in the 2021 Independent Publisher Book Awards contest, known as the “IPPYs”, by earning a Gold IPPY award in the “Peacemaker” category. It was also one of eleven books given the distinction as an Outstanding Book of the Year, which are titles chosen by the judges as “the most heartfelt, unique, outspoken and experimental among all the entries.”

The “IPPY” Awards, known as the “World’s Largest Book Awards Contest,” are conducted annually to recognize the year’s best independently published books. Launched in 1996, the

awards have grown to over 5,000 entries in 125 categories. Outstanding Books of the Year are medalists chosen for exemplifying the daring spirit of independent publishing, "to break new ground and bring about change, not only to the world of publishing, but to our society," according to the IPPY website.

Field gives talks and exhibits about her photographs of cultural diversity and her experiences with immigrant and refugee communities. In 2017, she partnered with the NH Charitable Foundation to start the "Different Roots, Common Dreams Scholarship Fund" to help immigrants receive a four-year college degree. She donates all net proceeds from her project to NH nonprofits working with immigrants and refugees.

Finding Home: Portraits and Memories of Immigrants includes Field's photographs and immigrants' essays, an introduction by Gary Samson (Professor Emeritus of Photography, Institute of Art and Design at New England College and Artist Laureate of New Hampshire, 2017-2020), a foreword by George Bruno, Esq. (US Ambassador, ret.), and a poem by Yvette Kagirimpundu. The book is published by Peter E. Randall Publisher, www.perpublisher.com, and distributed by Pathway Book Service, pbs@pathwaybook.com. The book is hardcover with dust jacket, 96 pages with 49 full color photographs and 40 essays.

Field holds a certificate in photography from the New Hampshire Institute of Art (now Institute of Art and Design at New England College) and has also studied at several photography centers in the Northeast. In past work she was a wildlife research ecologist and university professor. Field holds a doctorate in ecology and lives in Concord, NH.

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