

Local author wins Gold and Silver at 31st Annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™

Kem Weber: Mid-Century Furniture Designs for The Disney Studios by David A. Bossert Wins Gold and Silver at the 31st Annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™

The Old Mill Press is proud to announce that **Kem Weber: Mid-Century Furniture Designs for The Disney Studios (November 2018)** by **David A. Bossert** won Gold and Silver at the 31st Annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™. The book received Gold for The Bill Fisher Award for Best First Book: Nonfiction and Silver in the Home & Garden category. Celebrating excellence in book editorial and design, the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™ are sponsored by the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA).

This year's awards for titles published in 2018 were presented at a gala dinner on April 5, 2019, in Chicago as part of IBPA's Publishing University 2019. Winners were recognized for setting the standards and pace for the publishing industry.

Named the Gold winner for The Bill Fisher Award for Best First Book: Nonfiction category from a new imprint and winner of Silver in the Home & Garden category, **Kem Weber: Mid-Century Furniture Designs for The Disney Studios** was highlighted for the quality of the book.

Kem Weber: Mid-Century Furniture Designs for the Disney Studios (The Old Mill Press; Hardcover; November 2018) by award-winning Disney artist, filmmaker and author David A. Bossert is a comprehensive overview of the Weber-designed Disney animation furniture that takes the reader on a journey from **concept sketches and photos to interviews with legendary artists.**

Bossert celebrates and details the form and function of this unique mid-century furniture and the impact it had on the Disney animation process over the decades.

About the Author

David A. Bossert is an award-winning artist, filmmaker and author. He is a veteran of The Walt Disney Company and is now an independent producer, creative director and writer. He has contributed his talents to such films as *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Lion King*, *Pocahontas*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Hercules*, *Fantasia/2000* and the Academy Award-nominated shorts *Lorenzo*, *Runaway Brain* and Disney/Dali short film *Destino*. See a full list of his credits at IMDb.com. Bossert is considered an authority and expert on Disney and animation history. He has written numerous articles, liner notes and concert program essays related to animation, music and early film history. He co-authored *Disney Animated*, which was named iPad App of 2013 by Apple and won a prestigious British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) award. Bossert is the author of six books.

About the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™

Named in honor of America's cherished publisher and printer, the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™ recognize excellence in independent publishing. Books are grouped by genre and judged on merit by industry experts including buyers at wholesale and retail levels, librarians, book critics, design experts, and independent publishing consultants. Panels of 162 judges evaluated over 1,500 submissions in 54 categories to create the list of this year's finalists and winners.

About IBPA, the Independent Book Publishers Association

With more than 3,100 members, the nonprofit IBPA is the largest trade association representing independent publishers in the United States. Founded in 1983, its mission is to lead and serve the independent publishing community through advocacy, education, and tools for success.

For more information, or to request a review copy of **Kem Weber: Mid-Century Furniture Designs for the Disney Studios**, contact **Dave Bossert** at **The Old Mill Press**, 818-599-6065, Bossert.dave13@gmail.com. For a complete listing of finalists and to view the award winners in each of the 54 categories, visit www.ibpabenjaminfranklinawards.com.