

Indies United Publishing House & The And I Thought Ladies

*Invite you to the
The 2025 Indies Author Retreat
& 9th Annual Women in Literature Awards*

*June 6th – 8th, 2025
Quincy, Illinois*

To see the previous Author Retreat & Awards Gala visit: <https://www.indiesunited.net/2024-author-retreat>

Weekend Activities

Friday Night

*Meet & Greet Mixer
Casual Dinner
TBA Activities*

Family & Friends are welcome to join all activities during the weekend.

Saturday

*Author Workshops & Brunch
Public Book Reading
Gala Event*

The Corinthian Event Center is across the street from the Saturday Farmers Market and located in the downtown center of Quincy, IL.

Sunday

TBA

Corinthian Event Center

415 HAMSHIRE STREET | QUINCY, IL



The Corinthian is located in a historic building in Downtown Quincy. This 3-story building dates back to 1876 when it was built as a bank. Granite walls, marble floors, rich mahogany walls, and grand pillars make this building unique and spectacular. Just like the name, the architecture of the building is a fusion of Ancient Greek, a system of related design elements for the decoration of structures called Corinthian.

In the early '80s, the center was known as The Forum. It was known for its light-up dance floor, a bar in the middle, and a rear garden. From the later '90s until 2018, it was also known as the Griffen Center and Winters West Wing. Mick and Carol started overhauling the building after it sat empty for three years. The remodel features new flooring, freshly painted, two new grand bathrooms, a new kitchen, and a rear exit with more parking available. The building is handicapped accessible.

Corinthian Event Center



*Amenities for Workshops will include:
A full sound system – cordless mics –
projector screen for presentations –
catered brunch*

*There will be a cash bar for the Friday
and Saturday evening events.*



Author Retreat & Awards Gala Dinner



Indies United Publishing House will be honoring the awardees of the second annual Small Bites Short Story Contest as part of the Gala.



Inspirational Women Awards For Media, Literature, and Journalism



The objective of the awards is to recognize & honor women who have motivated others in their industry to join their voice to the Inspirational female empowerment choir and hopefully inspire newcomers to consider starting their journey in literature/media or journalism.

As part of the awards, we will be helping three charities that we support to lift the spirits of those downtrodden by the power of domestic abuse. These awards are founded by a survivor, and a warrior who has assisted in executing multiple escape plans for others in distress.



To find out, more about the awards(And Previous winners):<http://www.andwethought.com/awards.html>

Enchanted Books

532 MAINE ST. QUINCY, ILLINOIS 62301



The Enchanted Books bookstore is an independently owned bookstore. While you are in town, Jennifer, the owner has graciously offered to host any books from the authors associated with the event.

It is a 60/40 split, with 40% going to the bookstore. If you are interested in this, be sure you have books. their pricing for consignment and all of your contact info for immediate placement.

If you would like to make this a permanent arrangement, she has contracts available.



<https://www.myenchantedbooks.com/>

About Quincy, IL



Quincy, IL is a city located on the Mississippi River and the county seat of Adams County. It is known as the “Gem City” of Illinois and has a population of about 39,463 according to the 2020 census.

Quincy has a rich history and culture, as it was a major transportation hub in the 19th century and a site of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858. It also played a significant role in the Underground Railroad and the Mormon migration. Quincy has several historic districts and landmarks, such as the John Wood Mansion, the Quincy Museum, and the Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design.

Quincy is also a center of education, arts, and entertainment in the region. It hosts various festivals and events throughout the year, such as the Dogwood Festival, the Midsummer Arts Faire, and the Quincy Octoberfest. Quincy also has a vibrant music and theater scene, with venues like the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, the Quincy Community Theatre, and Jazz in the Park.

Quincy is a great place to visit, as it offers a mix of historical charm, cultural diversity, and modern amenities. From beautiful parks and a gorgeous riverfront to historic neighborhoods featuring some of the most stunning homes in the country, and a downtown with plenty of restaurants, retail outlets, and nightlife, Quincy lives up to its name as the Gem City. It truly is a gem.

Places to Stay

The Atrium Hotel on Third

*Bar – Restaurant – Pool – Business
Center – Free Breakfast*

Rooms average: \$148 a night

201 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

217-222-2666

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham

Standard rooms include coffeemakers and flat-screen TVs. Suites add minifridges, wet bars and microwaves. Some have sitting areas, whirlpool tubs and/or pull-out sofas. An airport shuttle is complimentary. There's an indoor pool, a meeting room and a gym. Free Breakfast and pets are welcome.

Rooms average: \$80 a night

200 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

217-919-0061

Quality Inn & Suites

Modest rooms feature coffeemakers, flat-screen TVs - desks, Suites add whirlpool tubs and/or sitting areas with sofas. Complimentary amenities include hot or takeaway breakfast – gym - indoor pool - business center.

Rooms average: \$135 a night

225 S 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301

217-224-8378

In the Downtown District

Places to Eat

Riverside BBQ & Grill

Ribs, brisket & burgers offered in this roomy BBQ joint with rustic decor touches
222 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

Platt Daddy's

BBQ with a spinking of New Orleans flavor
605 Hampshire St, Quincy, IL 62301

Tiramisu

Upscale Italian Restaurant
131 N 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301

Thyme Square Cafe

Cozy cafe spotlighting locally sourced ingredients in breakfast & lunch fare
615 Hampshire St, Quincy, IL 62301

Hagrid's Hideout

Harry Potter themed cafe (inside the Pinball Joint)
610 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

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Southern Food – Menu Changes Daily
601 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

Seoul 2 Soul Bistro

Korean-ish Fusion Cuisine
218 N. 6th St, Quincy, IL 62301

In the Downtown District

Places to Drink

Electric Fountain Brewing

*Coffee Shop
534 Hampshire, Quincy, IL 62301*

The Pour Haus

*Coffee Shop
625 Maine St Suite 103, Quincy, IL 62301*

Krazy Cakes Cafe

*Contemporary cafe & bakery serving breakfast,
sandwiches & flatbreads, plus sweet treats.
512 Hampshire St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Carter's Coffee

*Drive-thru Coffee Shop
641 Broadway St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Revelry Quincy

*Sports Bar
119 -121 N 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Quincy Brewing Company

*Bar & Microbrewery
110 N 6th St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Joker's Lounge

*Bar/Gaming/Rocket Axe Throwing
614 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301*

The Pinball Joint

*Bar/Cafe/Retro Gaming/Pinball/Blacklight mini-golf
610 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301*

In the Downtown District

Things to Do

Quincy Children's Museum

The Quincy Children's Museum exists to transform the lives of children and families through experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity, connection, and discovery.

115 N 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301

Quincy Underground Railroad Museum:

Dr Richard Eells House

Built in 1835, this restored home is legendary for its role as a spot on the Underground Railroad.

415 Jersey St, Quincy, IL 62301

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum

Museum

128 N 5th St, Quincy, IL 62301

All Wars Museum

War museum with over 5,000 artifacts from U.S. conflicts from the Revolutionary War to the present.
1707 N 12th St, Quincy, IL 62301

Historical Society of Quincy Museum

332 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

Villa Kathrine

The town's visitor information center, in a historic North African-style villa built in 1900.

532 Gardner Expressway, Quincy, IL 62301

Farmers Market

The Quincy farmers market where you will find local produce, handcrafted artisan goods & activities for the family. Every Saturday 8 AM-1 PM
Washington Park, Quincy, IL 62301

Ways to Travel to Quincy

Drive:

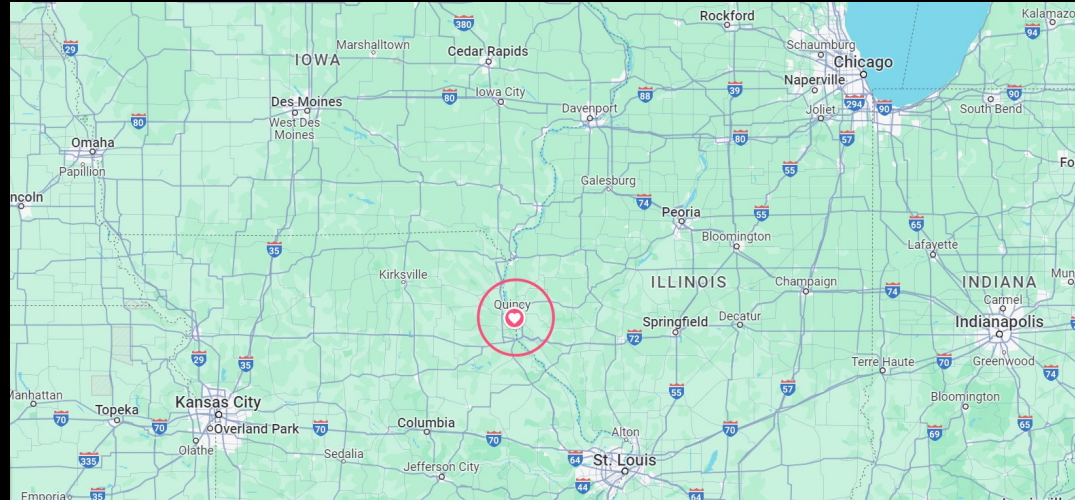
Quincy is located right on the eastern bank of the Mississippi, 20 miles north of Hannibal, MO – the hometown of Mark Twain

Fly:

Quincy Regional Airport offers daily round trip flights to both Chicago O'Hare International Airport and St. Louis Lambert International Airport.

Train:

Amtrak offers daily service from Chicago.



**If you do not plan to drive, Enterprise Car Rental & Lyft are available*

Event Pricing

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE A APRIL 1, 2025

FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE MAY 1, 2025

****A Pay link will be sent after IUPH receives your pre-registration form****

Authors/Recipients

Includes all activities, Gala Dinner, specified meals, public book readings, and meet the public events.

\$250.00

Family and/or Friends

Includes attendance to all the activities, Gala Dinner, and specified meals.

\$150 per person

Children under 3

Free

RESERVATIONS

For any questions, contact Lisa Orban at indiesunitedpublishing@gmail.com