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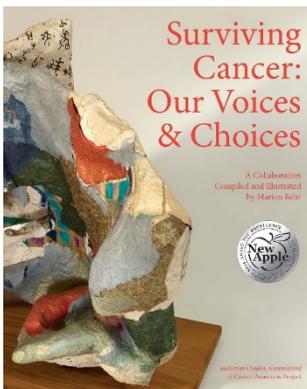
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**The 2015 IPPY Awards have been announced!  
Congratulations to the medalists. The 2016 IPPY**



### **53. HEALTH / MEDICINE / NUTRITION**

**GOLD:** *Surviving Cancer: Our Voices & Choices*, by Marion R. Behr (WWH Press LLC)

**SILVER:** *Making Sense of Intersex: Changing Ethical Perspectives in Biomedicine*, by Ellen K. Feder (Indiana University Press)

**BRONZE:** *Surviving Cancerland: Intuitive Aspects of Healing*, by Kathleen O’Keefe-Kanavos (Cypress House)

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## **Book reflects seventy different voices on cancer's front lines**

**Collection of essays and art offers the personal reflections of those who diagnose, treat, and live with cancer, providing hope and comfort and reducing fear**

Artist Marion Behr's highly acclaimed collaborative guide to surviving cancer, which has just been awarded the Gold IPPY award in the health category for 2015, began in an unusual fashion. As a result of radiation treatment after a diagnosis of breast cancer, she created a collection of thirty-five sculptures whose armatures are actual radiation cradles used by radiation patients.

During a gallery exhibition of these pieces, a panel discussion with two doctors and four cancer survivors convinced her that a book compiling the experiences of cancer patients, oncologists, nurses, and others was needed. She began assembling authors, and some five years later, *Surviving Cancer: Our Voices & Choices* was born.

Behr explains that the voices in *Surviving Cancer* provide a compilation of information that helps ease the path every cancer patient walks, male and female alike. Her book's collaborative "cancer team" includes survivors, family doctors, oncologists, social workers, health care providers, organization leaders and members, and financial advisors, all of whom share their "voices and choices" in *Surviving Cancer*.

Survivors' stories are deeply personal and often support a medical perspective. Throughout the book, images of Behr's sculptures reflecting the moods of women on the cancer journey support and give voice to the many emotions that all who deal with their cancer – men and women, patient and caregiver – feel.

Behr comments, "Each of the seventy authors has an intriguing background. One is a Nobel Laureate, another is the head of cancer research at the Hebrew University, one is a director of a cancer hospital, and another is an oncologist who was awarded the Order of Canada for his work on breast cancer. Many other notable individuals promptly responded to requests for articles. One of my objectives is that through their voices, the book offers hope and comfort and helps reduce fear for newly-diagnosed cancer patients and their families."

“The story of cancer is as individual as the person relating it. Artist and breast cancer survivor Behr includes anecdotes from patients and recommendations from physicians and medical professionals in order to provide comfort and knowledge for those on the same journey...With questions patients and family members should be asking (and their answers) and a useful glossary...Beautifully designed, a worthwhile addition...” ~ **Library Journal Review**

The book is the recipient of the New Apple 2015 Medal in the Specialty Book category as well as the 2015 Gold Medal in the Health category from the Independent Publisher (IPPY) Book Awards.

*Surviving Cancer: Our Voices & Choices* by Marion R. Behr; WWH Press; Nonfiction; Health and Fitness; Trade paperback 978-0-6158600-1 \$20.95

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**Author:** Marion R. Behr initiated the first national study of women who worked at home, testified before Congress, and co-wrote *Women Working Home: The Home Based Business Guide and Directory*, which sold 50,000 copies in two editions. She also received a presidential appointment as a delegate to the White House conference on Small Business and co-invented and patented an acid free etching process (ElectroEtch) for which she was awarded a grant from the Lindbergh Foundation. The process has been taught in several countries and American universities. Marion won her first national art competition at age seven and has been producing paintings, drawings, sculptures, and prints ever since. She has been profiled in *Inc.*, *Changing Times*, *McCall's*, *Vogue*, *Working Woman*, *Entrepreneur*, *New Woman*, *Family Circle*, and *Redbook*. Extensive radio and TV appearances include *Donahue*, *Good Morning America*, *Woman to Woman*, and AM stations in cities including New York, San Francisco, and Minneapolis. Visual arts and writing are a huge part of her life, as are her husband of fifty-two years, Marc, their three children, and five grandchildren.