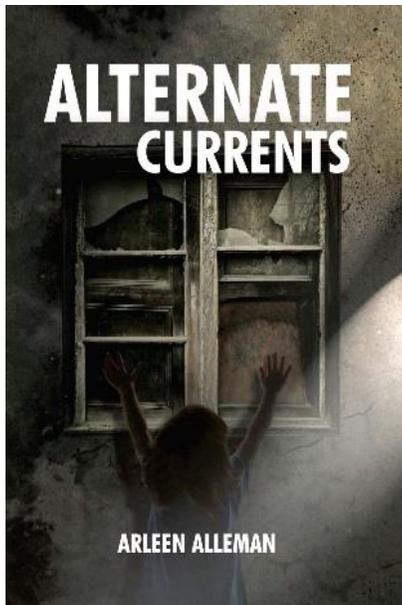


Alternate Currents Announced as Finalist in Foreword's 2013 Book of the Year Awards

National magazine selects *Alternate Currents* by Arleen Alleman in its search for the best indie books of 2013.

Traverse City, MI, March 13, 2014 — Foreword Reviews announced the finalists for its [Book of the Year Awards](#), including *Alternate Currents*, a novel competing in the Gay/Lesbian category. This fourth [Darcy Farthing Adventure](#) features familiar and new characters immersed in a poignant topical



mystery. As usual, Alleman weaves travel and social issues among unique murder mystery plots that keep readers coming back for more.

Alternate Currents explores how prejudice regarding same-sex partnerships, as well as other bigotry can lead to horrific outcomes. Darcy's friend, Charlie Scott, mysteriously disappears from the Seattle home he shares with his partner, Don, and their daughter, Penelope. Before Seattle detectives and the FBI can solve Charlie's kidnapping, Penelope also vanishes. As police frantically look for clues, they implicate a local antigay organization and its leader, a pair of local business owners who are being harassed by antigay demonstrators, a flamboyant stalker who is obsessed with Don, and Penelope's birth mother. When two suspects are murdered, the authorities worry that a vicious unknown killer has abducted Penelope. In the midst of turmoil surrounding Penelope's birth status and abduction, true to her nature, Darcy tries to help her friends. When she ventures into the midst of the case by conducting a freelance interview with a local clergyman, she is nearly killed in a vicious attack by an unknown assailant.

My Book Addiction and More, wrote: "A thrill ride for which the author carries off not only a psychological thriller but a mystery with aplomb and grace. Brilliantly written with both political and legal topics. I was not only in awe of all the emotions that run through *Alternate Currents* but also marveled at the way this author wrote on the challenges of today's world."

"Arleen Alleman once again demonstrates her writing talent in a gripping novel filled with suspense and pathos, says author, Diane Rapp. There are so many twists and turns in the complicated plot that readers are taken on a wild ride. Greed, desire, guilt, and fanaticism embolden several treacherous villains, who lurk in the shadows waiting for the perfect moment to strike."

Alleman is a former analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office where she wrote extensively on many topics ranging from satellite systems to endangered species. She has a science education and worked as a fashion model, insurance adjuster, jewelry designer, and proprietor of a home décor shop. Born in England and raised in New Hampshire and Nevada, she now lives in SW Florida with her husband, Tim.



Each year, *Foreword* shines a light on a small group of indie authors and publishers whose groundbreaking work stands out from the crowd. In the next two months, a panel of over 100 librarians and booksellers will determine the winners of these prestigious awards. A celebration of the winners will take place during the [American Library Association Annual Conference](#) in Las Vegas on Friday, June 27 at 6 p.m. with awards in over 60 categories, cash prizes for the best in fiction and nonfiction, and widespread recognition. *Foreword Reviews* is distributed to librarians, booksellers, publishers, and avid readers and is available at most Barnes & Noble and Books-A-Million newsstands or by subscription.

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