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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **“Jud” Earns 2023 Finalist Award From Indies Today**

Jan. 31, 2024 – Indie fantasy author Michael Breen’s second novel, “Jud,” is following in its prequel’s footsteps – both having earned Finalist Awards from Indies Today.

“Jud” received the 2023 award, which recognizes and honors top independent and self-published books of the year.

In “Jud,” the adventure continues where “Ever the Night Road” left off. Now eighteen, Dagny Losh must brave the mythical, labyrinthine city of Jud, where streets and buildings shift with the twilight, and each door and alleyway may give rise to the most unexpected encounters.

“Jud,” which was released to the public in January 2024, has received high praise from advance reviewers and fans alike, including multiple five-star reviews from Readers’ Favorite, Indies Today and Goodreads:

“For readers that love a series as expansive and magical as *The Wizard of Oz* or as unexpected and clever as *The Maze Runner*, read Michael Breen’s *Jud*, a staggering story whose creativity is unsurpassed.” – *Nicky Flowers, Indies Today*

“A superb work of YA fantasy that chronicles a journey into a realm of enchantment... A high-octane continuation of the fantastical elements and character development from the opening novel.” – *K.C. Finn, Readers’ Favorite*

“The world-building in this book is absolutely stellar. If I could choose one book to actually be in so that I could explore, it’d be the world that Dagny lives in. Even with all the dangers, this is a world I would love to fully immerse in and explore for the rest of my days.” – *Kelly, Goodreads*

“*Ever the Night Road*” has received Gold Medals from the Independent Publisher “IPPY” Awards and Readers’ Favorite; a Bronze Medal from the Wishing Shelf Book Awards; and the B.R.A.G. Medallion, among other accolades. Michael has begun working on his third novel.

“Jud” and “*Ever the Night Road*” are both available in print and e-book through Amazon and Barnes & Noble as well as through Amazon’s Kindle Unlimited.

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