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***Through Early Yellowstone* Named 2016 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards Finalist**

*Lake Forest Park, Wash.- March 21, 2017* – Today, Granite Peak Publications announces that its historical anthology, *Through Early Yellowstone: Adventuring by Bicycle, Covered Wagon, Foot, Horseback, and Skis*, is a finalist in the 19th annual Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards, in two categories, Adventure & Recreation and Travel.

Independent media company Foreword Reviews has as its mission to discover, review, and share the best books from small, university, and indie publishers (and authors). Finalists represent the best books published in 2016 and were narrowed down by Foreword’s editors from over 2,200 individual titles spread across 65 categories. Find the complete list of finalists at

<https://awards.forewordreviews.com/finalists/2016/>

“Choosing finalists for the INDIES is always the highlight of our year, but the choice was more difficult this time around due to the high quality of submissions,” said Victoria Sutherland, publisher of *Foreword Reviews*. “Each new book award season proves again how independent publishers are the real innovators in the industry.”

Editor Janet Chapple, who also shares her lifelong love of Yellowstone in her guidebook *Yellowstone Treasures*, shares the best eleven of the many previously published magazine articles or book chapters and rare art she found in years of research. She expressed the conviction that “these long-ago adventurers will inspire new ones.” Publisher Beth Chapple believes the high production values make the book deserving of Foreword’s recognition.

An expert panel of librarians and booksellers curated specifically for each genre does the final judging to determine the Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award winners. Winners—along with Editor’s Choice and INDIE Publisher of the Year—will be announced during the 2017 American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago on June 24, 2017.

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About Granite Peak Publications: Formed in 2000, Granite Peak Publications produces well-researched books on Greater Yellowstone. *Yellowstone Treasures* won the 2002 Gold Award for Travel Guides in *Foreword Magazine*’s Book of the Year Awards; its updated fifth edition is to be released this June. The company website is <http://www.yellowstonetreasures.com/>.

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