



Homer Awards



CELEBRATING LITERARY EXCELLENCE

Nine Awards, One Country Where It All Began

Celebrating thriller writers, indie authors, and everyone writing about Greece who deserved recognition and never got it.

Founded by thriller authors Rania Stone (Συνοδινού) and Jonas Saul—more than 60 novels combined!—the Homer Awards were created to give serious recognition to two categories of fiction that don't always get their due: the modern thriller and English-language fiction set in Greece.

The award is held in connection with BOOKfest, a literary gathering in Nafplio, Greece, and culminates each year in a ceremony tied to a reading retreat in the Nafplio/Tolo region.

Thriller Awards

Publisher-submitted, community-longlisted, panel-decided: the Odyssey Award (Best Thriller of the Year), the Circe Award (Best Psychological Thriller), and the Athena Award (Best Debut Thriller).

Indie Thriller Awards

The Hermes Award (Best Indie Thriller of the Year) — nominated by readers, for the author who got there without the machinery of a major publisher.

Greece Fiction Awards

The Aristophanes Award (Best Comedy Set in Greece), the Herodotus Award (Best Historical Fiction Set in Greece), and the Aphrodite Award (Best Romance Set in Greece).

Penelope Award

Best Unpublished Thriller Manuscript. The prize is a full publishing deal with Imagine Press — professional editing, cover design, formatting, and global distribution.

Markos Synodinos Award

For literary service to Greece. Given, not submitted for or voted on — presented last of all, because some things should be saved for the end.

KEY DATES

Award Timeline

Sept 1, 2026	Submissions and nominations open — publisher submissions, community-nominated indie titles, and the manuscript prize.
Dec 31, 2026	Submission window closes.
Jan 1, 2027	Longlist announced. Community reader voting opens on all competitive longlists. (Excluding the Penelope and Markos Synodinos Awards).
Jan - Mar 2027	Community voting period.
May 1, 2027	Shortlist announced; Penelope and Markos Synodinos Awards decided by single-judge selection.
Oct 2027	Winners announced at the Homer Awards ceremony, held alongside the Nafplio/Tolo reading retreat.

THE CEREMONY

Nafplio & Tolo, October 2027

Winners are announced in person, at a ceremony built into a reading retreat on the Greek coast.

The Homer Awards ceremony takes place in the Nafplio/Tolo area of the Peloponnese, held under the auspices of the Municipality of Nafplio, and tied to BOOKfest, a literary gathering with its own rituals, panels, and community of readers and writers.

Shortlisted and winning authors are invited as guests. For jurors and shortlisted authors already attending the retreat, this creates a natural, low-friction way to participate in the ceremony in person.

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsor Recognition

This is our founding year — a limited number of partner spots are available. Showcase your business to an international audience of readers, authors, and travelers. As a digital brochure, reach isn't capped by a print run — it lives online indefinitely and travels through our retreats, website, email list, and social channels

2026-27 Partner Tiers

Founding Partner — 5 spots only

Full Page feature · logo on homerawards.com · recognition at the October 2027 ceremony · social media mention · featured as a founding supporter **€395**

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Half-page feature in the digital brochure **€195**

Friend of Homer Awards

Logo + listing in the brochure, permanently featured on homerawards.com **€75**

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In exchange for featuring or promoting Homer Awards to your audience — logo on homerawards.com, credit in the brochure, and first access to the longlist/shortlist for coverage **No fee**

Founding Partner pricing applies to this launch year only. Rates increase for 2028 once we can show ceremony attendance, press coverage, and submission numbers. You're not just gaining brochure space — you're gaining lasting association with a new international literary award, exposure through Imagine Greece Retreats, and long-term visibility on homerawards.com.

Confirm by August 25, 2026, to appear in the official brochure.

I N M E M O R I A M

A Personal Honor, Not a Category

The Markos Synodinos Award was created to carry forward the memory of a Greek author whose life and work left a lasting mark on those who knew him. Unlike the competitive tracks of the Homer Awards, the Markos Synodinos Award is not decided by community vote. It is a single-judge selection, made personally by the award's founders, reflecting the same care and intention that shaped his own writing life.

To support this award is to support something more than a literary prize — it is to help keep a name, and a body of work, part of the living conversation around Greek literature. It is a quiet form of remembrance, made public.

Become Part of This Honor

A limited number of supporters are welcomed each year to help carry this award forward — not as advertisers, but as part of the story.

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Friend of the Synodinos Award

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