



## **22nd Annual Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards**

**Entry Title** Locker Rooms

**Author:** Patty Lesser

**Entry Category:** Genre Fiction

### **Judge's Commentary:**

While the title and cover of the novel, *Locker Rooms*, may be misleading. I found that the story was an interesting concept. A sort of unique twist on the idea of purgatory and lost souls the author has crafted a tale that will both intrigue you and potentially terrify you long after you've put the book down for the night.

A pleasant mix of mystery, romance and a sort of paranormal vibe work to complete this story. The reader must be on top of the cast of characters as the author has quite a few to keep up with here. But overall, the author has done a nice job and I enjoyed this selection very much.

On the technical side of things, the pacing is a bit quick and while this is definitely a preferred quality versus slow pacing a couple of times, I found that I was sort of jolted out of the moment. For instance, at the beginning of Chapter 14, we have a sort of sex scene and then within a couple of paragraphs, they are boarding a plane.

The production quality is good. I found a few typos and line editing issues that could be easily resolved with the help of an experienced final line editor. Otherwise, this is a solid entry. Well done