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Cambria author **Ivy Cayden**'s debut novel receives national acclaim with two NYC Big Book Award® wins.

(Cambria, CA) -- The NYC Big Book Award recognized *Everything All* At Once (Book 1 in the Chorduroys And Too Many Boys<sup>™</sup> series) by Ivy Cayden as the Winner of the Music and Teen categories. "As a firsttime indie author, I am both honored and excited by this unexpected achievement," said Ivy Cayden. "I will carry this positive momentum into in my series."

completing the second book in my series."

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters. Selected award Winners and Distinguished Favorites are based on overall excellence.



**Book title:** Everything All At Once (Book 1 in the Chorduroys And Too Many Boys<sup>™</sup> series)

Author: Ivy Cayden Genre: Young Adult Music Fiction

**Synopsis:** Teenage life (with a playlist). Nearly sixteen, Kila Lorens showers herself in music, lives in plush corduroys, and always applies a double layer of lip gloss. She longs for the answers to this irritating trio of questions: When will she have her first kiss? Will Angus Lyr ever stop obsessi-texting Reese Seratine? And why did her former best friend, Brixton Kading, silently bow out of her life six months ago? The particulars of these unknowns—along with her mission to convince Maya Malta to share some sizeable news with a certain seventeen-year-old before he finds out from someone else—keep Kila's eyes open at night.

But one late hour delivers something worth hiding: a private Nektir message from Timothy Cardiff, the tall, inky-haired enigma who rarely speaks in school, yet somehow morphs into Salt for Swordsmen's frontman on the weekends.

Amidst tandem listening and dizzying revelations, the two form an unlikely attachment. When their covert communication spills into the halls of Cypress High, they both wonder if this will be a short-lived or long-lasting entanglement.

Ethan Lorens—Kila's cautious but optimistic older brother—mostly focuses on his new drums and his indie band's potential. An after-school visit to Casper's Music Underground presents some unexpected industry intel. Following years of hiatus, Emerald Rock plans to host another EmOpen. Casper encourages the boys to prepare for the contest, but Ethan, Brixton, and Angus wrestle with the group's shortcomings. Could the young French chef they meet at The Hidden Meridian be the band's missing link?

Sometimes dreams come out to play. Mixing Kila and Ethan's friends together on a parentless weekend induces irreversible crushes, late-night courtship, and stinging heartache. With an elaborate, 67-song playlist to immerse you in every magnetic moment and missed connection, you'll

experience the rush of *Everything All At Once*, the first book in the CHORDUROYS AND TOO MANY BOYS<sup>™</sup> series.

2021 was a record year for books awarded due to the high level of quality and diverse books submitted. Again in 2021, **NYC Big Book Award** received book submissions worldwide, including great submissions from journalists, well-established authors, small and large press as well as first time indie authors who participated in high numbers. Entries were from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. Cities such as Bangalore, Edmonton, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, New York, Seattle, Singapore, Vancouver, were representative among the entries. Winners were recognized globally from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Lebanon, Queensland and the United States of America.

Awarded books included The American Bar Association, Friesen Press, Gatekeeper Press, Greenleaf Book Group, Story Merchant Books, and WildBlue Press. Quality children's publishers such as Barefoot Books as well as Mango and Marigold press were awarded. Independent presses such as Brill, Goff Books, Koehler Books, Rowman & Littlefield, and She Writes Press took both Winner and Distinguished Favorite awards. Lastly, Hachette Books, MacMillan, Penguin Random House were among the large publishers that entered.

"We are elated to highlight these authors' books, recognize their excellence, and share their achievements." said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak. "We look forward to showcasing these titles to a larger audience."

For more information, visit chorduroys.com.

2021 NYC Big Book Award Winners: https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/2021winners

## Short Book Description:

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"A light, fun, fantastically gripping story of young love, music and the ups and terrible downs of high school." -*Five stars, A 'Wishing Shelf' Book Review* 

"Original, entertaining and memorable, *Everything All At Once* is an especially and unreservedly recommended addition to middle school, high school, and community library contemporary YA fiction collections for young readers ages 14-189." -*Midwest Book Review* 



Author Bio: Ivy Cayden lives on the rugged, pinetree-lined Central Coast of California. Years ago, on her first visit to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, she fell in love with the tall trees in Felton and returns whenever she gets the chance. A vegan for over a decade, Ivy is passionate about supporting small businesses and all things indie--especially music. In addition to writing the CHORDUROYS AND TOO MANY BOYS<sup>™</sup> series, she founded and manages the indie music blog My Multi-Track Mind, where she interviews rising musicians, covers new releases, and posts moody playlists. Most recently, she and her husband Chase launched another small business, Moosey's Garden, which grows specialty organic

microgreen varieties for local natural food stores and cafés. Say "hi" to Ivy, find repeat-worthy songs, and learn all about the next book release and more by connecting: Instagram @ivycayden + Facebook @chorduroysandtoomanyboys