



# Indie Author Project

## To Squeeze a Prairie Dog - 2019 Texas Author Project Winner for Adult Fiction

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I'm pleased to announce that my book, *To Squeeze a Prairie Dog: An American Novel*, was selected as the Winner for Adult Fiction of the [Texas Author Project](#) in collaboration with [Library Journal](#), [IngramSpark](#), and [Biblioboard](#). I am honored that my book is the Texas Winner for the [Indie Author Project](#), a publishing community that includes public libraries, authors, curators, and readers working together to connect library patrons with great indie-published books.

A reception honoring all of this year's winners will be at the [2020 Public Library Association Conference](#) in Nashville on Thursday, February 27th. The *Library Journal* Best of Books issue will feature a full-page promotional spread of all of this year's winners.

***To Squeeze a Prairie Dog*** is a comic sendup of state government - an entertaining slice-of-life story that's humorous yet uplifting at the same time - about five under-appreciated bureaucrats who forge a bond of love and respect. It's an American, modern-day tale with working-class folks—part fable, part satire, and part comedy—revealing that camaraderie amongst kind-hearted friends wins the day over evil intentions. It is available in paperback, hardcover, eBook, and audiobook. Read more about *To Squeeze a Prairie Dog* here: <https://scottsemegran.com/books/to-squeeze-a-prairie-dog.html>



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**Scott Semegran** is an award-winning writer of humorous fiction with a dose of heart. *BlueInk Review* described him best as “a gifted writer, with a wry sense of humor.” His latest book is a comic sendup of state government—an entertaining slice-of-life story that’s humorous yet uplifting at the same time—titled *To Squeeze a Prairie Dog: An American Novel*, which was the 2019 Readers' Favorite International Book Award Winner: Silver Medal for Fiction - Humor/Comedy and the 2019 Texas Author Project Winner for Adult Fiction. His previous novel, *Sammie & Budgie*, was the first place winner for Fiction in the 2018 Texas Authors Book Awards. His book *BOYS* was the 2018 IndieReader Discovery Awards winner for Short Stories. His other books include *The Meteoric Rise of Simon Burchwood*, *The Spectacular Simon Burchwood*, *Modicum*, and *Mr. Grieves*. He lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, four kids, two cats, and a dog. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in English.

Scott Semegran is one of the hosts of the web series [Austin Liti Limits](#) along with fellow award-winning writer [Larry Brill](#).

### Book Information

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