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**James Irwin** is a writer and speaker who recently published his first novel, *Nina's Friends*.

James was a college professor and held leadership roles in national and international marketing communication before turning full-time to writing. Prior to all that he was a widely exhibited filmmaker and media artist whose work the *Los Angeles Times* called "witty and ingenious," and the *San Francisco Chronicle* described as "pithy – cerebral undercurrent sparked by sexual innuendo."

Many of his short stories, creative non-fiction pieces, and essays on media and culture have been published in journals, newspapers, and magazines over the years. He is an associate editor of the *Atlantic Journal of Communication* and co-founded the film journal *Cinematograph*. He currently teaches a course in disability representation in media at Wm. Paterson University.

His awards and fellowships include the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, National Endowment for the Humanities, Gotham Writers Workshop, Ziff-Davis Publishing, Rockefeller Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, USA Today, and Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Originally from southeastern Pennsylvania, he spent a decade in San Francisco and now lives in northern New Jersey.



James has extensive experience as a speaker at conferences, organizations, and events. Suggested topics include:

- Starting a late-life writing career
- Why self-publishing could be your best strategy
- Bouncing back after major life setbacks
- Creating a personal brand and a platform as a writer
- Writing disabled characters with accuracy and without stereotypes



***Nina's Friends*** was published in March 2025 (ebook ISBN:978-1-967223-00-8, paperback ISBN:978-1-967223-01-5). It is a fast-moving international suspense thriller of betrayal, secrets, and greed, for fans of Daniel Silva, Tana French, and John Sandford. Sophisticated, layered, and character-driven, it explores themes of identity and belonging, social injustice, and deception. This explosive murder mystery is book one of the Tajna Circle series. Book two, *Bent City*, will be published in 2026.

