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Best Life Media Releases New "Healing Chakras" Book/CD Based on Ancient Korean Healing Traditions

Best Life Media released a new, expanded edition of [Healing Chakras: Awaken Your Body's Energy System for Complete Health, Happiness and Peace](#) by brain educator and philosopher Ilchi Lee today. First published in 2005, this colorful new edition features a more user-friendly design and expanded content. Unlike other chakra books on the market, this is the only perspective of chakra healing based on 10,000-year-old ancient Korean wisdom. A 45-minute companion CD provides a complete chakra training and healing regimen, with guided meditations and physical exercises.

Sedona, AZ (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Sedona-based publisher Best Life Media released a revised and expanded edition today of one of its most popular titles, ['Healing Chakras: Awaken Your Body's Energy System for Complete Health, Happiness and Peace,'](#) by brain educator and philosopher Ilchi Lee. This full-color, beautifully illustrated book, which provides a unique and highly effective approach to chakra healing and development, includes a 45-minute guided meditation CD.

Based on Ilchi Lee's popular healing chakra training tour, attended by some 30,000 people worldwide, ['Healing Chakras'](#) details the seven key energy centers of the body and their associated color, organs and physical, emotional, mental and spiritual attributes. Through easy exercises and guided meditations, readers learn how to experience their own ki (chi/qi) energy and how to clear, balance and strengthen individual chakras for natural health.

Many ancient traditions speak of a kind of life energy than runs through all living things. In Asian traditions, this energy is called chi, qi or ki. The whole system of Asian medicine, including acupuncture, is based on the intuitive understanding of how ki works in the body. According to this system, energy runs through a network of pathways called energy meridians.

Essentially, chakras are energy centers in the body. "A chakra is like a hub in which the energies of the mind, body and spirit are intertwined and sent through the body's meridians for use in daily life," writes Ilchi Lee. "When the seven chakras are in balance and functioning well, we live a life of physical, mental and spiritual health."

In simple language, the author shares the profound wisdom of Korea's 10,000-year-old Shin-sun-do philosophy, known as 'the way of the divine.' This philosophy is based on the ancient Korean scripture, the Chun Bu Kyung, or the Heavenly Code. This is the only book published in English that contains the 81-character Chun Bu Kyung with a line-by-line translation and subsequent interpretation.

But Ilchi Lee goes beyond illuminating ancient wisdom and relates chakras, the wheel-like energy organs of the body, to our modern understanding of the nervous system. He correlates the health of different chakras with different parts of the brain and different nervous system functions.

Lee contends that the brain is the ultimate mediator in the awakening process, because it is only through the brain that people can experience oneness, just as it is the brain that creates our illusions of separation. For more than 30 years, he has worked to develop training methods that help develop the brain's hidden abilities and sensitivities.

"One unique aspect of this chakra program is how it is connected to the human brain, which is ultimately the mediator of the health of the entire chakra system," writes Lee. "When a chakra changes, energy changes. When energy changes, personal transformation is achieved."

Availability:

'[Healing Chakras](#)' (ISBN: 978-1-935127-04-8) can be purchased online for \$21.95 from BEST Life Media. [Click here](#) to preview a chapter of the book and listen to an audio sample from the meditation CD. Trade orders can be purchased online through SCB Distributors or call (800) 729-6423.

About the Author:

[Ilchi Lee](#) is a brain philosopher and educator dedicated to creating a healthier, happier and more peaceful existence for all humanity. He is founder of Dahn Yoga and Brain Education System Training (BEST), techniques designed to enhance human potential and quality of life through a variety of mind-body training methods. His self-development programs, used by thousands of people worldwide, are a unique blend of Eastern philosophical concepts and Western scientific understanding. Lee has authored 32 books on topics related to brain development, health and wellness, spirituality and personal growth.

About Best Life Media

[BEST Life Media](#), produces books, CDs, DVDs, and other products that are educational and life enhancing. Brain Education System Training (BEST), which seeks to better the human condition through a variety of self-development techniques, serves as the underlying inspiration for many of their titles. For more information, call (877) 504-1106.

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Treehouse: a True-Life E-mail Love Affair Published in Four Appisodes™ for the iPhone

New Media producers First Fifteen are releasing the provocative e-mails of a true-life online love affair carried out 14-years ago in 1996 during the advent of the Internet. These e-mails, excavated through digital archeology, paint a picture of a private relationship full of depth, honesty, and passion. This series of tantalizing Appisodes™ mixes social media and voyeurism to create a new dynamic in the eReader market while raising the question of privacy in these times of digital living.

(PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- After sifting through the debris of countless corrupted email files restored from an old hard drive, First Fifteen's producers worked like digital archeologists to unearth the love story lost and frozen in digital bits from 1996. They painstakingly removed page-after-page of binary noise to piece together an alluring narrative that tells the story of a long-distance love affair bound together thorough — and, resurrected by — digital technology.

The original e-mail authors, a young woman, who goes by the moniker, TREEHOUSE, and the object of her affection, a funky graphic designer named, Jackson, are the protagonists of a true love story best described as a mix of Griffin & Sabine, You've Got Mail and The Notebook, though slightly more risqué. The history between TREEHOUSE and Jackson slowly reveals itself as we discover a relationship long and wide in scope and substance and involves a mutual appreciation of film, literature, and strangely, The Artist Formerly Known as Prince (as he was then known). Simply put, you've got to read it to believe it.

First Fifteen's editor, Joseph Alan Wachs, says he is more interested in protecting the truthfulness of the source material than he is in exploiting suggestive content: “Most of the content is pretty steamy, but more importantly, after reading and piecing together the splintered memories of the story, I was reminded of the turns and depth two people discover when they fall in love. As editor, I realized we had something very pure and honest here to be preserved.”

The TREEHOUSE interface was developed through the design firm [FORMation](#), which CasualGaming.biz recently dubbed “one of the most exciting iPhone developers of the moment.” Jason Franzen of FORMation sums up his design concept succinctly: "I wanted to present the e-mail dialogue in a style suggesting a Mail Reader to heighten the voyeuristic nature of the experience, but I also wanted to create something that highlighted the back-&-forth nature of the dialogue, so items like color-coding and a timeline were added to emphasize these unique aspects of the communicate."

TREEHOUSE: a found e-mail love affair (the entire series of four Appisodes™), is now available on the iTunes App Store. A soundtrack of music recommendations is also available through the iTunes' iMix system. Readers can listen to the soundtrack while exploring the e-mails for a fully-immersive experience. Download the first [FREE Appisode™](#) now.



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First Fifteen is a specialty press and new media producer. Projects range from limited edition print to new dynamics in publishing using the iPhone and other compatible devices.

FORMATION is a multi-discipline design firm based in Dallas, TX. Their recent work focuses on the creative exploration of the iPhone App as a new tool for creativity.

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PAULO COELHO: A WARRIOR'S LIFE The Authorized Biography By Fernando Morais

The Only Authorized Biography of Internationally Bestselling Author, Paulo Coelho - And the True Story of How THE ALCHEMIST Came to Be

(PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- For three years, groundbreaking journalist Fernando Morais researched every aspect of bestselling author Paulo Coelho's life, living in his community and interviewing family, friends, and foes. But it was ultimately a bet with Coelho himself that allowed Morais complete access to the contents of a box "to be burned upon death"—a box containing his journals dating back to 1959, when he was twelve years old.

Through these journals, Morais' extensive research, and with Coelho's own blessing, [Paulo Coelho: A Warrior's Life](#) (HarperOne; November 2009; Hardcover; \$26.99; ISBN 978-0-06-171888-5) emerges as the most comprehensive examination of one of the world's most famous living writers.

"Who shall I be in your biography?" Coelho writes on his sixtieth birthday to Morais—a missive that is included at the end of the biography. Coelho knew the risk of having the more controversial aspects of his life exposed, but he also welcomed the opportunity to reveal himself in a new way—in truth, with the possibility of gaining even more freedom in pursuing his "personal legend," much like his beloved character Santiago in *The Alchemist*.

From his miraculous birth to his struggles in school; from his time spent in an asylum to his early days as a playwright and actor; *Paulo Coelho: A Warrior's Life* tells the story of an ambitious young man chasing his three obsessions—faith, sex, and success as a famous writer. Taking readers through successes and failures alike, Morais reveals:

- Paulo Coelho was born in a coma, and doctors initially believed he was a stillborn.
- In the third grade, Coelho won his first writing contest—though he was too shy to even vote for himself.
- In the 1970s Coelho joined a Masonic organization whose leader was exiled from Italy by Benito Mussolini.
- During a trip to Paraguay with his friends, Coelho was mistaken for a terrorist, imprisoned, and nearly lost among "the disappeared."
- Coelho briefly embraced Satanism before finding his way back to Christianity
- *The Pilgrimage* and *The Alchemist* were inspired by Coelho's own spiritual quests.

Chronicling an extraordinary life, *Paulo Coelho: A Warrior's Life* shows how Coelho came to write *The Alchemist* and became a literary sensation throughout the world. Depicting a man of extremes—one beloved by millions of loyal fans yet widely condemned by literary critics—this extensive biography reveals how Coelho strives, thrives, and inspires others to do the same.

Fernando Morais is one of the most important and preeminent journalists in South America and is widely credited with making the biography a popular genre in Brazil. He is also a well-known politician and activist whose articles have stirred much debate in both his native country and throughout South America. He lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



[Paulo Coelho](#) is an international bestselling author whose books—The Alchemist, The Pilgrimage, The Valkyries, By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept, The Fifth Mountain, and The Witch of Portobello—have sold more than 100 million copies in 140 countries and have been translated into 55 languages. He lives in Brazil.

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New Web Site Offers a Vast Assortment of Educational Literature

In an effort to make a variety of literature and educational books easily available to the public, business owner Hanna Roth has launched a new Web site, TheVeryBestInfo.com. As its name suggests, the site has all of the most acclaimed educational titles for everything from gardening to starting a business, as well as a variety of fiction and light reading selections.

Vista, CA (PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- Hanna Roth has been a book lover all of her life and has decided to turn her passion into an online business through her new Web site www.TheVeryBestInfo.com. With its launch in the middle of October, the site has provided the public with a new marketplace for all of their literary needs.

The Web site focuses on providing quality, reliable educational resources on a variety of topics, but also has a wide selection of fiction and children's titles. Roth has been an avid fan of non-fiction writing her whole life, especially history and biographies. She wants her Web site to be a destination where other people can have access to these valuable resources.

"Reading is the best way to educate yourself, and books are a great source of information on most anything," Roth said.

In order to keep the public informed about the latest releases and newest additions to her Web site, Roth has recently launched a new blog, www.ReadingBooksChat.com. The blog will not only have information about her Web site, but Roth will also be posting tips and advice for providing eldercare. Over the last 12 years, Roth has devoted a large portion of her time to volunteering at her local retirement home.

"Eldercare is a big topic nowadays and it is important to ensure that the elderly are taken care of," Roth said. "We are all going to grow old someday, and it is nice to have someone there for you."

Currently the Web site boasts an assortment of instructive gardening, photography and business books, and Roth plans to add full line of eBooks and a section devoted to seniors in the near future.

About the Company:

TheVeryBestInfo.com is based out of Vista, CA and is owned and operated by Hanna Roth.

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Tramonto Press Releases New Children’s Book for the Holiday Season “Alfonso, the Christmas Pumpkin”

We can all follow our dreams. Sometimes it just takes the help of our friends. That’s the theme of the new children’s book, Alfonso, the Christmas Pumpkin, written by Half Moon Bay authors, Rachel and Tom Formaro, and illustrated by Bay Area artist, Michele Spremich.

(PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- We can all follow our dreams. Sometimes it just takes the help of our friends.

That’s the theme of the new children’s book, Alfonso, the Christmas Pumpkin, written by Half Moon Bay authors, Rachel and Tom Formaro, and illustrated by Bay Area artist, Michele Spremich.

Alfonso wants to be a Christmas pumpkin, even though the other pumpkins at Ghost Town Pumpkin Patch make fun of him for having such a “goofy idea.” With the help of Hector, a barn cat, and Marie, a tree rat, and many other friends he meets along the way, Alfonso goes on a journey to meet Santa Claus who can make his dream come true. But when Alfonso finally gets his big chance, he makes a choice that will change the way he thought everything would be. Through it all, he learns about true friendship, love, and believing in himself.

The story is beautifully illustrated with watercolors by Michele Spremich. Michele’s artistry captures the spirited adventures of Alfonso and his friends, the charm of the Coastside, and the magic of Halloween and Christmas.

The story is a great read-aloud for all ages, but children ages 8 and up can read it on their own.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Rachel and Tom Formaro live in Half Moon Bay, California with their cat and two dogs. Tom is the author of several short stories and two novels. He received his M.A. from Iowa State University. Rachel is a poet, and has been published in both Canada and the U.S. This is their first children’s story together.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Michele Spremich has a degree in illustration from Syracuse University. She spends her time drawing and painting in Novato, California, where she lives with her husband and baby son.

ABOUT TRAMONTO PRESS

Tramonto Press is an independent publisher based in Half Moon Bay, California. The company focuses on new voices in fiction and non-fiction.

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BCNN1/BCBC National Bestsellers List -- November 2009: Black Christian News/Black Christian Book Company National Bestsellers List (BCNN1.com / BlackCBC.com)

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(Based upon Amazon.com rankings, BarnesandNoble.com rankings, and BlackCBC.com rankings.)*

Dallas, TX (PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- How Black Christian News/Black Christian Book Company calculates the BCNN1/BCBC Bestsellers List: Very simply, BCNN1/BCBC combine the rankings of Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and BlackCBC.com for each book. Once BCNN1/BCBC get the combined number, BCNN1/BCBC rank the books according to the lowest number. BCNN1/BCBC have found, down through the years, if a book is truly a bestselling book, it will be a bestselling book across the board, via online stores and in brick-and-mortar stores.

SPECIAL NOTE: All of the books that BCNN1/BCBC rank, which is a list of over 300 Christian books written by African-Americans, with the exception of a few, are on Amazon.com. About 30 of the Christian books written by African-Americans are not on, or are not ranked on BarnesandNoble.com, indicating that it is not selling through BarnesandNoble.com. In order to have a fair bestsellers list, BCNN1/BCBC want to encourage all authors and publishers to make sure their books are sold through BarnesandNoble.com, as well as Amazon.com and BlackCBC.com.

The next BCNN1/BCBC Bestsellers List will be published on Monday, December 7, 2009.

The Top 50 Black Christian Bestsellers List (Non-fiction)

1. Left to Tell, by Immaculee Ilibagiza (Hay House) - Only \$13.46
2. Quiet Strength, by Tony Dungy (Tyndale) - Only \$11.99
3. Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story (Zondervan) - Only \$6.29
4. Commanding Your Morning by Cindy Trimm (Charisma House) - Only \$12.79
5. Expect to Win: Proven Strategies for Success from a Wall Street Vet by Carla Harris (Penguin) - Only \$24.95
6. Reposition Yourself, by T. D. Jakes (Atria) - Only \$18.00
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8. Letters to Young Black Men, by Daniel Whyte III (Torch Legacy Publications) - Only \$8.99
9. Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer, by Myles Munroe (Whitaker House) - Only \$10.39
10. Give It Back! by Kimberly Daniels (Charisma House) - Only \$11.99

The Top 50 Black Christian Bestsellers List (Fiction)

1. Miracle's Boys, by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam Juvenile) - Only \$6.77
2. Lady Jasmine: A Novel by Victoria Christopher Murray (Simon & Schuster) - Only \$12.99
3. The Ideal Wife, by Jacquelin Thomas (Simon & Schuster) - Only \$14.00
4. You Can Do It! by Tony Dungy (Simon & Schuster) - Only \$13.59
5. I Love My Hair!, by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley (Little, Brown Young) - Only \$4.79
6. The Devil Is a Lie by ReShonda Tate Billingsley (Simon & Schuster) - Only \$14.00

7. The Someday List, by Stacy Hawkins Adams (Baker Publishing Group) - Only \$11.59
8. Staying Pure (Payton Skky, #1), by Stephanie Perry-Moore (Lift Every Voice) - Only \$6.75
9. The Last Woman Standing, by Tia McCollors (Moody/Lift Every Voice) - Only \$14.99
10. Practicing What You Preach, by Vanessa Davis Griggs (Dafina) - Only \$14.99

The Top 50 Black Christian Independent Publishers Bestsellers List (Non-fiction)

1. Letters to Young Black Men, by Daniel Whyte III (Torch Legacy Publications) - Only \$8.99
2. Letters to Young Black Women, by Daniel Whyte III (Torch Legacy Publications) - Only \$9.99
3. From Performance to Praise, by Joe Pace (Serenity Publishing) - Only \$16.00
4. Healing Our Broken Village, by Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III (St. Paul Press) - Only \$7.99
5. 7 Things Young Black Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives, by Daniel Whyte III (Torch Legacy Publications) - Only \$7.99
6. When Thou Art Converted, by Bertha Roscoe (St. Paul Press) - Only \$10.99
7. Little Black Survival Guide for Single Saints, by Kimberley Brooks (Driven Enterprises) - Only \$3.99
8. The Eight Powers of a Woman, by Ja'Ola Walker (Xulon Press) - Only \$13.99
9. Carnal Striving Spiritual, by Anthony Jerrod (Dog Ear Publishing) - Only \$11.99
10. Lord, I'm Ready to Be a Wife, by Christine Pembleton (Josephine Communications) - Only \$12.99

The Top 25 Black Christian Independent Publishers Bestsellers List (Fiction)

1. Beautiful Ugly by Shelia E. Lipsey (Urban Christian) - Only \$12.95
2. Scandalous Truth, by Monica P. Carter (Urban Christian) - Only \$12.99
3. Choices by Katrina Burchett (Kapri Books) - Only \$9.99
4. The Land of Expression by David & Mutiya Vision (Vision Works Publishing) - Only \$17.00
5. My Soul Cries Out by Sherri Lewis (Urban Christian) - Only \$6.99
6. Happily Ever Now by Nicole Rouse (Urban Christian) - Only \$11.96
7. The Rose of Jericho, by Vanessa Davis Griggs (Free to Soar) - Only \$11.01
8. Promises Beyond Jordan by Vanessa Davis Griggs (Free to Soar) - Only \$14.99
9. Divorcing the Devil, by Dwan Abrams (Urban Christian) - Only \$11.96
10. In Greene Pastures by Kendra Norman-Bellamy (Urban Christian) - Only \$11.96

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Debut Vampire Novel “Emery” Releases Exclusively With Amazon On Friday The 13th

“Emery” is the first in a proposed series by Arizona author Shonnovan Mitchell and publisher Trilogus Media Group, available in Kindle and Trade Paperback formats. The handsome and charming loner Emery is the student body president at the high school in a Montana town filled with vampires. Teenager Tabitha Avery learns their secret – and of Emery’s lust for her blood.

(PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- Shonnovan Mitchell’s debut novel "Emery" is available Friday the 13th at Amazon, published by upstart independent Trilogus Media Group in Arizona. The novel portrays teenager Tabitha Avery as she moves to a small town in Montana and becomes the love-interest of Emery, the loner student body president. Tabitha learns that the town is a haven for vampires, and that his lust for her may be more than even he can resist. She doesn't want to become like him, but struggles with a way to refuse.

There’s a new wrinkle in the book promotion: a chance to help the author cast the movie. Many readers like to “fantasy cast” the books they read, picking film and TV stars for the roles. The publisher and author have partnered with Storycasting.com to make "Emery" available for casting at http://bit.ly/Cast_Emary. The publisher can't promise who Hollywood will choose, but the author has posted a “cast” that includes Aussie actor Travis Fimmel in the title role. Storycasting.com is free and non-spamming.

Shonnovan Mitchell grew up in Utah and Texas and graduated from Brigham Young University in 2005 with a BS in Biology. She currently lives in Mesa, AZ, and is pursuing her RN license. She hopes to someday become a plastic surgeon and meet the Australian model Travis Fimmel, the inspiration for Emery. Her website URL is <http://www.shonnovan.trilogus.com>.

Trilogus Media Group is an independent publisher of books, music and videos. You can see their website at <http://www.trilogus.com>.

Storycasting is the premier “fantasy casting” website, where readers and authors create and post a cast for their favorite fiction. Over 140 authors have come to the site and cast their own works, and the site has been featured at Publisher’s Weekly and used for book promotion by HarperTeen and by many authors.

For additional information on Trilogus Media Group, Emery, and author Shonnovan Mitchell, contact Dallas Tanner, Publisher of the Trilogus Media Group, or visit <http://www.trilogus.com>.

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New Wrinkle in Book Promotion: Start With The Movie Cast, To Engage “Casting” Readers

A fourth of readers “cast” their favorite fiction, putting film and TV stars in the roles as they read. Storycasting is urging authors and publishers to engage those readers at the book launch with a cross-promotion: the author casts and blogs, the publisher advertises, and Storycasting provides the fun for the readers.

(PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- “Help the author cast the movie” – that’s the marketing hook urged by Storycasting.com, the premier “fantasy cast” website. A fourth of readers casually “cast” what they’re reading, but there was no way to take advantage of that, from a book marketing standpoint – until now. The Storycasting website is the way for publishers to reach those readers, and to boost sales at the launch by joining authors and readers in a just-for-fun casting process.

Storycasting is the only site with built-in actor photos and a casting/voting engine that automatically tracks and calculates the books and actors cast most often. Individual authors – over 140 of them - have been using the site for their own promotions for more than a year now. Whatever the genre – romance, mystery, urban fantasy, horror, or Christian fiction – these authors have strengthened the links with their readers through the casting conversation. Although membership requires registration, the site is free and non-spamming.

As an example of this new model for promotion, Shonnovan Mitchell’s debut vampire novel "Emery" is being featured on the website as part of the book launch this Friday the 13th. Published by upstart independent Trilogus Media Group, the novel portrays teenager Tabitha Avery as she moves to a small town in Montana. She becomes the love-interest of Emery, the loner student body president, and Tabitha learns that the town is a haven for vampires. His bloodlust for her may be more than even he can resist. The author has already “cast” Aussie actor Travis Fimmel in the title role.

Storycasting LLC started in Arizona in 2007, and the website went “live” in May of 2008. Participation from writers like "Pay It Forward" author Catherine Ryan Hyde and Patrick Rothfuss, author of "The Name of the Wind", has boosted the site to international prominence as a premier destination for those who use it “for the movie in your mind”. The site is also used by fans who want to “cast” comics, graphic novels, poetry, old movies, podcasts, and video games.

For additional information on Storycasting, contact Storycasting creator and owner Jeff Reid, or visit <http://www.storycasting.com>.

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Connecting Authors and Readers in New Endeavor from Brad Walton Productions, LLC

New website focused on providing a central location for authors, publishers and readers to connect with each other in a new and dynamic way; devoting quality time and communication to the subject matter and author. Author Conversations provides a unique format that allows authors to meaningfully communicate with the reader and a cost effective marketing venue for publishers and authors.

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Brad Walton Productions, LLC is debuting [Author Conversations](#) on November 16, 2009 focused on providing authors, publishers and readers a central location to share with each other. The website idea was born out of twelve years of experience interviewing authors for WCCO Radio and the insights Brad gained out of the opportunity to invest time listening to the stories these authors had to tell.

The downturn in the economy is causing programming restrictions across the dial making it much more difficult for authors and their publishers to get these stories, details and awareness of their new or existing book to the public. The new internet format for Author Conversations provides a meaningful connection that devotes more time to the subject matter than current media sound bites can devote.

Brad explains, "I wanted to find a meaningful way for authors and readers to connect. It is important to tell the stories behind the stories. Something happened in that person's life that motivated them to write. Author Conversations gives the author an opportunity to explain the why and how of their write. By giving authors an opportunity to speak directly to readers, it allows readers to make informed decisions regarding their choices rather than picking a book simply by its cover and or a short review. The reader might be familiar with an author but the deeper personal conversation will provide real insight into a book's subject matter and could be the difference between a purchase and no purchase when it comes to a particular work."

Along with his brother, Brian, who has the abilities in place to do the mechanics of building the website, Brad is manufacturing a venue to serve as a central location to bring all the concerned parties together. And they are building Author Conversations with the opportunity for expansion and growth to allow other contributors in the future since it is designed to accommodate the needs of the growing and changing publishing world including the self-publishing industry. For them, this is about the survival of the printed word and providing cost reductions to this side of marketing which gives one more stepping stone allowing authors and publishers to survive.

A custom personal conversation between the author and the interviewer is produced and placed on Author Conversations for readers to hear with the option while there to also purchase the book. There are various options for interview lengths fitting for the author and their work. Once that interview is posted on Author Conversations, that same interview is immediately available on Author Radio for download radio stations who wish to broadcast that same interview.

Other facets of the website include [Author Radio](#), which will serve as a syndication point for stations looking for material; [Life Conversations](#), which will provide an opportunity for people who don't have a book yet to share their meaningful story; and Brad's Voice Works which provides opportunities for the needs of other recording and



broadcast material production.

Brad concludes, "I want to bring something forward and bring something of value to people out there who really want to learn and educate themselves. This is a cost effective way to level the playing field out there for people who haven't had a voice or opportunity to present their book or story. There are few things more compelling than the power of a story honored in the art of an authentic conversation!"

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New Book Compiled from Journal of ALS Patient Releases During National Family Caregivers Month

*A timely book released during National Family Caregivers Month offers rare insight into the personal day-to-day struggle of a man dying of Lou Gehrig's Disease. His widow edited over 1000 pages of his online diary entries into the new book, **NOBODY TELLS A DYING GUY TO SHUT UP**.*

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- A new book chronicling the journal of an ALS (a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's Disease) patient has just released during National Family Caregivers Month. Edited by his widow Beth Chilcoat, **NOBODY TELLS A DYING GUY TO SHUT UP** is an honest and personal diary kept by David Chilcoat who succumbed to the disease in 2006 after a three-year battle. Beth Chilcoat is now featured on a special interactive section on the New York Times website known as Healthguide Patient Voices. Beth's story is one of only six interviews conducted with ALS patients and family members for the [Healthguide Patient Voices: ALS feature](#).

Mentioned in the New York Times piece, **NOBODY TELLS A DYING GUY TO SHUT UP** takes the reader from David Chilcoat's diagnosis ("Today we really got a kick in the shorts") to the end ("Needless to say, I was confused. At times, when things do not make sense, it is hard to know what is really true."). After grieving for her husband for over a year, Beth made the decision to take David's 1000-plus page journal and edit it into book form to aid other families who may be going through a similar crisis.

Beth says the most difficult challenge as Dave's primary caregiver was adjusting to the prognosis. "For me, facing the fact that David was actually dying and then having to function each day in that knowledge was the biggest challenge," she says. "Finding a way to continue to live instead of beginning to die required a deeper level of moment to moment reliance on my faith than I had ever needed before."

For more than a decade, the Chilcoats worked with Young Life, a worldwide ministry dedicated to working with adolescents and helping them grow in their faith. David and Beth helped to establish the Young Life chapter in the Columbus, Ohio area that today is headed by one of their sons, Michael. David later went to law school and practiced law for over 25 years before his diagnosis of ALS in 2003. Together, the Chilcoats raised a family of four children and have nine grandchildren.

Though Beth had entered the publishing world before as a cookbook author, she was reluctant to take on the challenge of editing David's online blog journal that was read by thousands of people across the globe. In compiling the book, Beth chose the title from a phrase that David used often: **NOBODY TELLS A DYING GUY TO SHUT UP**. It began as a difficult process to relive the three-year ordeal, but Beth wanted the book to be a comfort to families going through chronic illnesses and on-going health issues. She offers advice to spouses and loved ones who are thrust into the caregiver role.

"Live life to the greatest extent you can with your circumstances and the limitations of your health condition," says Beth. "We traveled some and I treasure those moments as some of my most precious times with David. And don't be afraid to accept help that is offered when it will truly aid your situation. Family, friends and our church members wanted to help, and we welcomed the meals, errand-running and assistance at night. They were a



precious gift to us.

"From the worst days of intense pain and fear to the days when we were able to laugh in spite of it all, this book is a forthright, honest struggle of a man wrestling with his own death. My heartfelt desire is that it becomes a beacon of hope and encouragement to people who face equally dire circumstances. The reality is we are all on a journey toward death. The only difference for us was that Dave and I had a defined timetable. And we did the best we could to make the most of our time together."

Beth is currently scheduling speaking engagements for seminars entitled "Life in the Valley" to help equip people who face difficult challenges. For more information, visit: BethChilcoat.com.

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Abacus 24-7.com plus Bongo International Calculates To Equal Growth for Expanding Electronics Company

Abacus24-7.com has earned a competitive reputation among United States domestic customers and they are now expanding to include consumers in over 220 countries by partnering with parcel forwarding company, Bongo International.

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Online shopping is quickly becoming the easiest and most sought after approach to purchasing must-haves.

[Abacus 24-7 LLC](#) brings convenience to the online shopper, while maintaining a non-corporate approach to customer service. The Arizona Company is in its 9th year of business and shows signs of continued growth and following. An impressive collection of electronic accessories, coupled with the convenience of an easy to navigate website, seem to create a model that keeps customers returning. “We choose our products carefully, not sacrificing quality for the inexpensive,” states Vice President of Operations Slavic Ristic. “We have set up our site to help customers find the right product that fits their device, and by doing so, we are an industry leader in offering products for the newest devices as soon as they are on the market.”

Abacus 24-7 LLC was already boasting a sterling reputation among United States domestic customers, when they made the progressive decision to partner with parcel forwarding company [Bongo International](#). This has expanded their sales reach to over 220 countries worldwide. “We realized that nearly 15% of our traffic to our site is coming from outside the United States,” continues Ristic. “Undoubtedly, due to the high demand for the types of products we offer and the price points we offer them at, we believe that many people would look towards us to make a purchase over a store that might be more local to their area.” After a smooth implementation of the BongoUS process, the complexities of international shipping have become a thing of the past. This is extremely fortuitous for international consumers with the recent economic instability of the United States dollar and the competitive pricing on Abacus 24-7.com.

“Operating a web store allows a merchant to open their business to a wide verity of customers from every corner of the world. No longer are you limited to a city, region or even a country for that matter. From our conversations with Abacus24-7.com, we discovered a huge potential of additional revenue in a virtually untapped international market. By partnering together, Abacus24-7.com has the ability to reach out to these international consumers, without the risk of fraud or the addition of any operational expense,” says Neil Kuchins, Senior Sales Executive at Bongo International. “

Bongo International provides an easy transition into international e-commerce for companies based throughout the United States and with varying products. By utilizing the international consumer’s U.S. Address, a retailer only has to ship their product domestically to Bongo’s warehouse in Bridgeport, Connecticut. If you'd like more information about this topic, please call Jennean Morrison at 813.839.0561 x11 or e-mail Jennean at Jennean.Morrison @ BongoUS.com



About Abacus24-7

[Abacus 24-7.com](http://Abacus24-7.com), established in 2001, is a leading online retailer of consumer electronic supplies and accessories including printer ink, cables, memory cards, MP3 Player accessories and more. Abacus 24-7 offers compatible, remanufactured and non-OEM items, offering the customer a quality product at a fraction of the price of brand-name products found at retail stores. Accredited by the Better Business Bureau, a winner of the BizRate Platinum award and a 24 hour on call customer support staff makes Abacus 24-7 a reputable, trusted, safe and customer-friendly merchant.

About Bongo International

Bongo International is a premier provider of international shopping cart solutions to help retailers expand their business to international consumers. They provide international fraud-screening and a U.S. address to international consumers, giving them the ability to shop on U.S. websites. Bongo's integrated application can easily be implemented on a retailer's site through the use of hyperlinks, converting international consumers into fraud-free domestic orders. By providing a consolidation point for U.S. orders, Bongo can save the international consumer 82% off common carrier rates. Bongo International's application is currently active on more than 500 U.S. retail websites. Bongo International's website can be found at <http://www.BongoUS.com>.

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Original 'New Moon' to have Twilight Screening on Jeanette MacDonald Nelson Eddy Valentines Week Bahamas Cruise, February 7-14, 2010, from Baltimore

Before Bella and Edward, there was Jeanette and Nelson, whose forbidden off-screen love affair while filming New Moon (1940) became Hollywood gossip. Maceddy.com hosts a 7-day Bahamas cruise celebrating Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, sailing from Baltimore. Highlights include the 'other' New Moon, lectures, a movie sing-along and talent show. If you sing their music, are a fan or love the classic MGM musicals, join us!

New York, NY (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- In 1940 there was only one "New Moon" - a hit movie starring "America's Singing Sweethearts," Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. They were at the top of their game, having teamed in blockbusters like "Naughty Marietta" (1935), "Rose Marie" (1936), "Maytime" (1937), and MGM's first Technicolor movie, "Sweethearts" (1938). But the following year found them separated professionally and MacDonald refused to re-sign her MGM contract for months, not wanting to ever have to work with Eddy again. Why did she change her mind and how did both stars finally land on the "New Moon" set, in late 1939?

That question will be discussed on the cruise during the Q&A session with guest lecturer Sharon Rich, author of the best selling book [Sweethearts: The Timeless Love Affair On-Screen and Off Between Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy](#) . Other speakers are planned along with filmed interviews of some of Rich's sources, who separate fact from fiction regarding the stars' personal lives. Washington, D.C. impresario Darryl Winston ("The Darryl Winston Show") hosts a talent night for all singers, with pianist Frank Conlon (Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Robin Hood Dell, etc.) accompanying. It's a week filled with nostalgia, fabulous music, films, classic movie history and the inside skinny about one of Hollywood's greatest cover-ups!

The Jeanette MacDonald Nelson Eddy Valentines Week 2010 cruise is a private event; to be included in the activities you must purchase your cruise through the special website at www.maceddy.com/cruise. All-inclusive fares start at \$579.89 per person (double occupancy), and includes meals, film screenings and lectures, special Jeanette MacDonald & Nelson Eddy gift package, ship entertainment and activities, government taxes, cruise fees and gratuities. Not included: shore excursions, airfare, transfers and vacation protection plan.

If you are a fan... an opera buff...or a singer who performs the MacDonald-Eddy and operatic repertoire and want to be showcased on our talent show... bring your sheet music and we'll provide the accompanist. Additionally, we will film anyone that wants to tell their story or anecdote on camera for an upcoming Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy documentary.

"The film 'New Moon' was pivotal because it was the team's first after Nelson Eddy's marriage in January 1939," says Sharon Rich. "If you follow the timeline, you note that in the week following Eddy's elopement, MGM released candid photos of Jeanette MacDonald at home in her bed, too ill to work because she was recovering from 'a cold.' She did return to the studio briefly to finish her current, solo film and then left Hollywood on an extended concert tour. It was at this time that she refused to re-sign her studio contract."

What finally changed Jeanette MacDonald's mind was a diary entry written by Nelson Eddy that can be read -

unedited and uncensored - on pages 254-257 of the biography [Sweethearts](#).

Rich, a film historian who has lectured from London to Toronto to Los Angeles to AFI East Coast, adds: "Jeanette MacDonald previously outraged their fans by marrying Gene Raymond, a Nelson Eddy look-alike, in 1937. The public sensed correctly that there was more than just acting going on up on the silver screen, so did not understand either marriage. Rumors about affairs, sexual preferences, and stolen moments together subsequently followed them all the rest of their lives."

For the record, the current Twilight Saga's "New Moon" starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson is the third film bearing that title. In 1930, MGM co-starred opera greats Grace Moore and Lawrence Tibbett in an early musical version of Sigmund Romberg's operetta "New Moon." (The MacDonald-Eddy version ten years later was a remake of sorts.) But Moore and Tibbett lacked romantic chemistry and that elusive movie star quality. Nelson Eddy, on the other hand, marched singing onto the screen in his first starring role... women gasped and swooned...and just like that he was an overnight international sensation. Much like Robert Pattinson, Eddy was tall, brooding, and shyly handsome with an unruly shock of blond hair. The real surprise was that this reluctant sex symbol came from...opera. During his heyday, Nelson Eddy's concerts were mobbed by screaming bobby-soxers, with police and bodyguards necessary to keep over-enthusiastic fans from jumping the stage. He was the first and only opera singer ever to cross over to Hollywood super-stardom.

For more information or to book your cruise, fill in the [online registration form](#) or call 646-321-8504. To learn more about Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, [watch this YouTube video](#) or visit [maceddy.com](#). Read Chapter One of "Sweethearts" [here](#).

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Explosive New Book Exposes the CIA, LSD Experiments and Murder

In a new explosive and staggeringly researched book, [A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of Frank Olson and the CIA's Secret Cold War Experiments](#), author H.P. Albarelli Jr. details once highly-classified accounts of the CIA's experiments with LSD and other drugs in a series of biochemical experiments.

(Vocus) November 11, 2009 -- Most Americans remember vague details of a person who had been given LSD and subsequently jumped out a window of a New York hotel back in the 50s. They may also recall that it had something to do with the CIA. It certainly did. The author states it to be murder.

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For decades, the seemingly unrelated mysteries of Dr. Frank Olson's strange suicide in 1953 and the bizarre hallucinogenic breakout in the French village of Pont St. Esprit in August 1951 have independently perplexed serious investigators. The subjects have been rehashed in countless accounts on the Internet and in many television news features and documentaries over the years. However, using secret and never-before revealed CIA reports obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, the author has tied together these two events, along with many others. His startling conclusion is that the CIA had high hopes of using LSD to develop a truth serum and perhaps even to create a person who would unwittingly murder on command. Those ends became the rationale to study the drug being administered surreptitiously, including the dosing of an entire French village plus hundreds of unknowing civilians, hospital patients, prisoners and military personnel.

The 900-page book exposes the reasons behind Dr. Olson's murder, and also identifies the men responsible for the crime, including their ties with Lee Harvey Oswald, the murder of JFK and their role in the infamous French Connection heroin case. In addition, the book provides a tremendous amount of detail about CIA-sponsored mind control and assassination programs like the Artichoke Project, MK/ULTRA, MK/NAOMI and QK/HILLTOP. Some of the interrogation techniques begun by these programs are still in use today.

A Terrible Mistake is published by [TrineDay](#), an Oregon-based company that specializes in releasing books that are shunned by mainstream publishers due to their controversial nature.

H.P. Albarelli Jr. has written a number of groundbreaking newspaper, magazine and Internet articles, including several on the Olson case, as well as topics such as anthrax, Cuba, child abuse and intelligence matters. His novel *The Heap* was published in 2005. He works in the legal profession and was a member of the Carter administration. More information on A Terrible Mistake can be found at: www.aterriblemistake.com



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New Novel Honors Role of Texan Soldiers in WWII

New novel honors the role of Texas National Guardsmen in WWII. Texans were among the first American soldiers to land on mainland Europe in 1943. The division was in combat for 400 days, took over 27,000 casualties, and earned 15 Medals of Honor.

Dallas, TX (Vocus) November 10, 2009 -- The Texas National Guardsmen of the 36th Division were the first American soldiers to land on mainland Europe in WWII. Beginning with the Battle of Salerno in 1943, the division was in combat for 400 days, took over 27,000 casualties, and earned 15 Medals of Honor.

The division saw some of the fiercest fighting in the war as they battled their way through Europe, liberating concentration camps and capturing Hermann Goering.

Retired navy commander, Mark Bowlin, was unaware of the Guard's pivotal role until he began the research for his first book, *The Texas Gun Club*.

"A few years ago, I had lunch with an army colonel," says the author from his home in North Texas. "He told me about the role Texans had played in WWII. As I sat there, it occurred to me that even though I was a Texan, and a former national guardsman, I didn't know this story. By the end of lunch, I was hooked."

Gritty and realistic, this tautly-written novel chronicles the wartime adventures of Sam Taft and Perkin Berger, two cousins from South Texas.

About the Author

Mark Bowlin is a retired naval officer who believes in good Texas barbeque and cold beer. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1987 serving in a variety of billets ashore and afloat, in the U.S. and overseas. His awards include the Legion of Merit and Defense Meritorious Service Medal among other personal, unit and campaign awards. He lives in Flower Mound, Texas, with his wife and young son.

About The P3 Press

The Texas Gun Club was published by The P3 Press, a division of Brown Books Publishing Group, an independent publisher in Dallas, Texas.

For more information about the author and his planned series chronicling the wartime adventures of Sam and Perkin, check out <http://www.thetexasgunclub.com>

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Bestselling Novelist, Vanessa Davis Griggs, Pens Another Thrilling Novel with Her Upcoming Release, Goodness and Mercy (In Stores Everywhere, November 24, 2009)

The biblical proverb is true: "Be sure your sins will find you out." This proverb proved to be true as we see it played out in the life of Gabrielle Mercedes as she seeks to begin life anew at the Followers of Jesus Faith Worship Center, pastored by George Landris.

Atlanta, GA (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Goodness and Mercy, by Vanessa Davis Griggs, will have you crying out, "goodness and mercy!" for sure, by the time you get to its last page. Gabrielle Mercedes failed to resolve a past issue in her life, and as she tried to move on with another chapter of her life, the door to that unresolved issue in her past life swung wide open. Below is a little bit more about this new character, Gabrielle Mercedes, from the back cover of Goodness and Mercy:

Gabrielle Mercedes has dreamed of being a dancer since she was a little girl. But when her life takes a very different turn, it's not the future she'd envisioned for herself. Feeling a void she can't fill, she finds the salvation she's been seeking in church and decides to start anew. Learning that her church has a dance ministry, she's thrilled to have her first love back in her life. Then she meets handsome and the professionally accomplished Zachary Wayne Morgan, and finally everything seems to be falling into place--until a past secret threatens to tear it all apart, and her newfound faith is put to the ultimate test...

Here's What Others Are Saying About Vanessa Davis Griggs:

"Vanessa is a superb storyteller...her Christian-based stories will inspire you...."

--ReShonda Tate Billingsley, National Bestselling Author

"Vanessa's rich stories of faith in action always hit the writing trifecta-- they make you laugh, cry, and yearn for more. Her wonderfully realistic characters leap off the pages, compelling you to join them in one life-changing adventure after another."

--Angela Benson, National Bestselling Author

"Vanessa's books are fascinating, full of wisdom, occasional humor, a little romance, and enough suspense at times to make you want to pull your hair out."

--Cheryl Robinson, author of Sweet Georgia Brown

"Vanessa Davis Griggs is the real deal and she is on a roll. Her books are on fire."

--BC Book Review

Vanessa Davis Griggs is an author and motivational speaker who adores the power of words both written and spoken. At the end of 1996, this former BellSouth employee left 18 years of service and stepped out on faith as she pursues her purpose and passion--writing and speaking. She resides in Irondale (a city just outside of Birmingham) Alabama and is the recipient of numerous recognitions and awards which includes June 2007 recipient of the Arts and Letters Award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Birmingham Alumnae Chapter, March



2006 recipient of The Greater Birmingham Millennium Section National Council of Negro Women Inspiration Award, and 2004-2005 Jasper Outstanding Achievement Award.

Vanessa Davis Griggs is also the author of novels: *The Rose of Jericho*, *Promises Beyond Jordan*, *Wings of Grace*, *Blessed Trinity*, *Strongholds*, *If Memory Serves*, and *Practicing What You Preach*. Most of Vanessa's books are also available as audio books.

For more information about *Goodness and Mercy*, visit: www.VanessaDavisGriggs.com.

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Goodness and Mercy is available for pre-order wherever fine books are sold, including: www.Amazon.com , www.BarnesandNoble.com , www.BooksAMillion.com , and www.BlackCBC.com.

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David Leach Joins Greenleaf Book Group As Director of Book Sales

Newly Created Position Bolsters Greenleaf's Sales Muscle

Austin, TX (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Bookselling veteran David Leach has joined the ranks of Greenleaf Book Group as Director of Book Sales, a newly-created position reporting directly to the CEO.

Leach comes to Greenleaf after 12 years with Thomas Nelson, most recently as National Key Account Manager, Special Sales. In addition to increasing sales of Greenleaf's list to existing and new accounts, Leach will oversee the improved integration of the company's distribution and marketing departments. CEO Clint Greenleaf says, "David is a key new hire for us. His contacts and experience in special sales combined with his passion for literacy make him a great asset to our team."

Leach is based at Greenleaf's corporate office in Austin, TX.

About Greenleaf Book Group:

Greenleaf Book Group is a publisher and distributor that specializes in the development of independent authors and the growth of small presses. One of Inc 500's fastest growing companies in the United States, they have represented more than 1000 titles since 1997 including four that hit the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestseller lists in the past two years. They are best known for their innovative business model, distribution power, and award-winning designs.

You can learn more about Greenleaf on their website <http://www.greenleafbookgroup.com> and blog <http://www.bigbadbookblog.com>.

For more information or to schedule an interview with Chairman and CEO Clint Greenleaf, contact Katelynn Knutson: 512-891-6100.

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Veterans Day Story: The Monuments Men

Second living female member of the “Monuments Men” identified; Received a Bronze Star for D-Day service

Boston, MA (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Today the Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art, recipient of the 2007 National Humanities Medal, announced they have identified a second living female member of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives section (“MFAA”), or “Monuments Men” as they were more commonly known: Mary Regan Quessenberry of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Monuments Men were a group of 345 men and women from thirteen nations, many of whom were museum directors, curators, artists and architects, who together worked to protect monuments and other cultural items from the destruction of World War II. In the last year of the war they tracked, located and ultimately returned more than five million artistic and cultural treasures stolen by Hitler and the Nazis.

Regarding this important occasion, Robert M. Edsel, author of *The Monuments Men*, and President of The Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art stated, “This news makes Veterans Day even more special for the Monuments Men Foundation. The men and women who collectively comprised the Monuments Men set the standard for the protection of cultural treasures during armed conflict. Although we hope our ongoing research efforts identify other living Monuments Men and women, today we know of only 10, including Mary Regan Quessenberry, who played an important role in the post-war work of the Monuments Men, assisting with the efforts to return millions of works of art to the countries from which these treasures had been stolen. This significant occasion underscores the importance and urgency of our research to recognize the contribution and preserve the legacy of these remarkable men and women who saved so much of our cultural heritage during World War II.”

After watching an interview with Robert Edsel on BBC regarding his new book, *The Monuments Men*, Ms. Quessenberry’s niece contacted the Monuments Men Foundation about her aunt’s role as a Monuments officer. Mr. Edsel immediately traveled to Boston to meet with Mary, and presented her with a flag of the United States which had flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the Monuments Men, as well as a gold leaf copy of the Congressional Resolution that was passed in both the House and the Senate recognizing for the first time in the United States the heroic efforts of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives section.

Born in Boston on October 10, 1915, Mary Regan attended Radcliffe College and later received a master’s degree in Fine Art from Harvard, where her professors included Monuments Men Paul Sachs, Langdon Warner, and Mason Hammond, all key figures in Mr. Edsel’s new book, *The Monuments Men*. The United States entered World War II in December 1941. By July 1942 Mary had given up her job as a high school art teacher and was in uniform serving with the WAAC (Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps). Over 400,000 women applied to be part of the first group of women to serve in the US military; only 450 were chosen. She would later become a recruiter for WAC (Women’s Army Corps), where one of the highlights was meeting the Churchill family when they visited Boston. Mary was sent overseas in 1943. Prior to becoming a Monuments officer, she trained with the U.S. Army 8th Air Force under General Doolittle; she was also sent to the Royal Air Force base at Medmenham as part of the Central Interpretation Unit and later, Mary received orders to report to General Carl Spaatz. At that time he



commanded the 8th, 9th, and 15th Army Air Corps and led the strategic bombing campaign against Germany reporting directly to General Eisenhower. Mary became “company commander of the 550 WACs who ran Spaatz Headquarters.” For her service as company commander, Mary received a Bronze Star.

Following the Allied victory, Mary read in Stars and Stripes that officers with an art history background were needed as Monuments Men. Despite having more than enough points to return home, Mary traveled to Berlin to volunteer for service with the Monuments Men. As a Monuments officer stationed in Berlin, Mary traveled to the Munich Collecting Point, Wiesbaden Collecting Point, various repositories, and badly damaged cities. She worked with fellow Monuments Men Bancel LaFarge, Rose Valland, Charles Kuhn, Calvin Hathaway and others to restitute stolen works of art to their rightful owners. She served as a Monuments officer until 1948, when she retired as a Major after an extraordinary and accomplished military career.

Mary returned home to the United States and taught humanities at the University of Florida, and married her husband Tim Quessenberry in 1965. Mary Regan Quissenberry currently lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

About the Monuments Men Foundation

The Monuments Men Foundation was created to raise public awareness of the 345 or so men and women from thirteen nations, many of whom were museum directors, curators, and educators, who protected monuments and other cultural treasures from the destruction of World War II. By 1945, these heroes of civilization tracked, located and later returned more than 5 million artistic and cultural items stolen by Hitler and the Nazis. The Foundation intends for their rich legacy to serve as a beacon for the preservation of such treasures in future armed conflict and to finish the task of locating and returning some of the hundreds of thousands of stolen and missing works of art and documents to the victims of the greatest theft in history. The Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art was one of ten recipients of the 2007 National Humanities Medal, the highest honor given for excellence in the Humanities field.

For more information about the Monuments Men Foundation, please visit www.monumentsmenfoundation.org.

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Moving Picture Books Help Create and Inspire Young Readers

New Product Hits Stores in time for the Holidays

Knoxville, Tenn. (Vocus) November 9, 2009 -- These aren't the children's books you grew up with. A new line of "books" engage young readers by combining classic children's stories with viewing options that meet the demanding needs of today's digital families. Instead of pure entertainment and games, [Moving Picture Books](#) make reading fun for children. The company's new line of high-quality digital stories can be purchased as DVDs or downloaded directly to iPods, cell phones, computers and most mobile devices. This feature is a hit with parents and grandparents who are always on the move.

Children spend an excessive amount of time in front of televisions, computers and video games. A recent Nielsen Company study showed that children aged 2 -11 are watching more television than they have in years, with children 2-5 years of age spending more than 32 hours per week in front of a screen. With Moving Picture Books, that time can be entertaining as well as a learning experience.

"Digital media offers a new technique for engaging children to read at an earlier stage of life," said Dr. Robert Rider, Dean and Professor at the University of Tennessee's College of Education. "Using digital media and animated picture books helps to attract the attention of kids and helps them focus on fluency, literacy and vocabulary in a way that advances them to a much higher level of literacy."

With educators and parents focused on the benefits of [digital learning](#), the University of Tennessee has initiated a research study to examine the way children process information learned in the digital age. As part of the study, children will be using Moving Picture Books as their learning is evaluated by education experts.

Each of the 44 stories offered by Moving Picture Books – including eight new Sesame Street titles – can be viewed with English or Spanish voiceover, and with or without the read-along English text displayed on the screen. The pacing of the storytelling is, according to Dr. Rider, perfect for children to follow along with the text. The available stories include classics that have been passed down from generation to generation, new favorites written specifically for Moving Picture Books, Bible stories and holiday classics.

Meg Lonon, the Vice President and Development Director for Moving Picture Books and mother of two young children, said, "Parents can read along with their kids or download a story for them to enjoy while they navigate through their busy days. Accessing these stories is easy and moms can take them along on car trips, to waiting rooms, grocery stores, sports practices or anywhere else they need to go. Moving Picture Books are perfect for those who are just learning to read, those who read well and those who are struggling."

Moving Picture Books are designed to engage and inspire young readers. The read-along text versions of the books have been hailed by [education](#) professionals and parents as a great early reading tool. In addition, all of the books feature age-appropriate lessons that all parents can appreciate like caring, sharing, honesty and self-reliance. Lonon says, "Because they can be viewed on iPods and cell phones, they are a hit with children and parents everywhere you go."



Moving Picture Books are available at Wal-Mart stores throughout the country, online at www.MovingPictureBooks.com and at online retailers including iTunes.

Editors – For more information, high-resolution photos or B-roll, or to arrange interviews with the creators of Moving Picture Books, contact Rick Laney at (865) 584-0550.

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The Internet Is Nothing to LOL About: ChildrenOnline.org and New Book, Racing to Keep Up, Show Parents How to Protect Their Surfers.

Racing to Keep Up: Talking with Your Kids About Technology Use and Strategies to Protect the Home Computer, a new book by the cofounders of ChildrenOnline.org

Boston, MA and Chicago, IL (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- If you're a parent and the acronyms IPN, BEG, WTGP, and LMIRL don't mean anything to you, you've got more to worry about than parents of the last century--meaning the 1990s. The rise of the Internet and its communication offshoots, Instant Messaging, File Sharing, Spam, Phishing, and the like, have upped the ante considerably when it comes to protecting your child. IPN (I'm posting naked), BEG (Big evil grin), WTGP (Want to go private?), and LMIRL (Let's meet in real life) are scary enough harbingers of a culture in irreversible decline. When it's declining in the direction of your high schooler--or even middle schooler these days--it's time to do something about it, as Doug Fodeman and Marje Monroe, MSW, have by starting Children Online, a teaching organization designed to educate parents and children about the pitfalls of the Internet and what parents can do to protect their children and what children can do to protect themselves.

Their welcome new book *Racing to Keep Up* codifies the strategies showing parents how "to talk with their kids about technology and ways to keep the home computer safe." It's a lean, practical book, short on preaching and long on meting out usable, proven strategies for short-circuiting the dangers attendant in online communication, social network sites, the online gaming world, and the efforts of online marketers to bypass NP's (nosy parents) so they can talk directly to your kids.

"It's a different universe than it was even five years ago," says Fodeman, the Director of Technology at the Brookwood School in Manchester, Massachusetts. "The immediacy in which kids are exposed to fraudulent advertising, scams, and sexual invitations, is transforming your child's life. Anyone not born with an iPhone in their hands has no idea what it's like out there."

"Adolescents need guidance," adds Monroe, who has also developed curricula on sex education, substance abuse, ethics, and decision making. Unfortunately, in the face of fast-evolving communication technology, so do parents. "We wrote this book to help adults understand the technology kids are using and to give them proven strategies for guiding their kids once they do understand." Don't worry about having to wade through technical information. There is none. *Racing to Keep Up* is purely about giving parents options. The strategies work--even if you don't know a megabyte from a mosquito bite.

With Websites such as Webkinz, Club Penguin, Runescape and Barbie Online now targeting kids as young as seven years old, *Racing to Keep Up* couldn't have come out a moment too soon. "There's a whole generation of kids growing up who don't even remember anything pre-Internet," adds Fodeman. "It's up to the grownups to help set the rules."

For more information, visit www.ChildrenOnline.org

About the Authors



Marje Monroe, MSW, is a clinical social worker and educator with more than twenty years of counseling, programming, and teaching at private schools across the nation.

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The My Buddy Butch Radio Talk Show for Pets has Partnered with The National Dog Show Presented by Purina.

The My Buddy Butch Radio show has partnered with the National Dog Show Presented by Purina to provide weekly coverage for this fantastic annual event. Host Jeff Marginean has already started interviewing past winners, handlers, owners and experts on the new dog breeds that have been accepted by the AKC for this year's show! The National Dog show airs on Thanksgiving Day on NBC after the Macy's parade.

North Canton, OH (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- JEMAR Entertainment, Inc. announced today that the My Buddy Butch Radio Talk Show for Pets (MBB Radio) has partnered with The National Dog Show Presented by Purina to add weekly updates and coverage of the events leading up to the televised broadcast on NBC Thanksgiving Day November 26th, from Noon to 2:00 pm, immediately following the Macy's Parade.

Award winning author, producer, and host of the My Buddy Butch weekly radio talk show, Jeff Marginean says, "We are proud to be a part of this Thanksgiving Holiday tradition and hope to enhance the experience and build the excitement around this family friendly event." The National Dog show will take place at the Philadelphia Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday November 14th and 15th. Marginean adds "This is a great opportunity to take a nice trip and make it a family outing. There is something for everyone at this event and since it is a 'Benched' show, families will be able to actually talk to the owners of dog breeds that they are interested in and also get close to breeds that they would not normally see walking around the block near their home!" Interviews with the hosts of the National Dog Show, John O' Hurley and David Frei are on tap as well as with breeders, handlers, and of course the owner popular past winner Rufus, the Champion Colored Bull terrier who is the canine ambassador for the 2009 National Dog Show.

The My Buddy Butch Radio Talk Show is dedicated to educating and entertaining the public about pets and animals and is a "Pet Lifestyle" show. The show airs weekly on Thursday evenings 7pm Eastern, is available on Apple iTunes, and is streamed 24/7 from the Web Site www.mybuddybutch.com. MBB Radio, which began in August of 2008, has grown exponentially in just one year featuring celebrity and best selling author interviews, the My Buddy Butch Book Club, the Veterinarian topic of the week, Rescue Shelter of the Week from around the USA and Canada, and Pet Product reviews. The show is driven by a quest that Marginean started 5 years ago trying to take the best care of his then, new little buddy "Butch" a plucky Boston terrier. Many of the questions, worries, and situations that followed he has documented in the Award winning book My Buddy Butch –Confessions of a New Dog Dad (1st ed. Sept. 2008 JEMAR Entertainment, Inc.) which is the first in a series with an eBook edition just released September, 2009. This book has won the prestigious Mom's Choice Award and also the Dove Foundation's Award for Family Friendly Entertainment among others. The My Buddy Butch Radio Program is set to continue its terrestrial journey across the country in 2009 and 2010 helping to entertain and educate families and individuals about pets...and don't forget to check out the companion My Buddy Butch Blog (www.mybuddybutch.com/blog1) where you can find more information and links contained within the show each week.

Jeff Marginean is an Award Winning Author, Grammy Voting Producer, and host of the weekly My Buddy Butch Radio Talk Show.



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AsianParent.com Expands Their Educational Toy Line with Alex Toys

AsianParent.com Adds Alex Toys to their selection of educational toys that focuses on quality, safety, and fun.

(PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- AsianParent.com today announced the addition of Alex Toys to their line of unique educational toys.

“We launched our line of educational toys just in June of this year. Thanks to our loyal customer base, our toy launch was very successful, and now we are excited to include Alex Toys in our product mix,” said Jenny Parker, co-founder of AsianParent.com. “Alex is a reputable toy manufacture known for award-winning arts and crafts products that foster creativity and personal expression mixed with lots of fun. Alex Toys not only compliments our existing selection of toys, but also provides great value-add for parents who come to our site to look for quality Chinese children’s books and DVDs.”

AsianParent.com is committed to bringing high-quality products to meet their customers' high expectations. In addition to Alex Toys, they are expecting many new and exciting Chinese Children's books due to arrive soon, just in time for the busy holiday shopping season.

Click here to see [AsianParent Alex Toys](#).

Visit [AsianParent.com](#) today to learn more about their products and to take advantage of their free-shipping offer.

About AsianParent.com

Headquartered in San Jose, California, AsianParent.com is dedicated to bringing quality reading material, multimedia, and educational products to parents who desire to share the Chinese language, culture, and heritage with their children. Products are geared towards children ages 0 to 12 years old.

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New Novel Examines Connection Between Romance Readers and Pet Lovers

Maxine Wilson-Perry's new novel, "The Haunting of Dr. Andre C. Brass," combines the author's love for paranormal romance novels and her fond memories of her late pet, Blue.

(PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Maxine Wilson-Perry's new novel, "[The Haunting of Dr. Andre C. Brass](#)," combines the author's love for paranormal romance novels and her fond memories of her late pet, Blue.

"Have you ever noticed -- while walking your dog in the park -- a person may approach you and say, 'What a cute dog?' For a single person, that is music to the ear -- especially if the attraction is there between the person who is walking the dog and the person who just gave the pleasant compliment," Wilson-Perry said. "Or have you ever noticed a couple walking down the street with their beloved pet with bliss in their eyes? It goes to show you that romance and pets go hand in hand."

Wilson-Perry said she has noticed, and has tried to capture this connection between pets and romance in her new novel.

The author said she has taken note that readers are living in a time when paranormal romance novels are peaking. Wilson-Perry was compelled to write the novel after her beloved pet, Blue, passed away. Recently, the novel received its first five stars on Barnes and Noble online book sales.

The story is very seductive and romantic, Wilson-Perry said, with one of the characters being a dog that protects each character from an evil spirit. It does so by warning them with an unfamiliar bark, which is caused by a disease the dog was inflicted with called Cerebellar Hypoplasia.

For those who love romance and pets this is a must read. The author is so devoted to being a pet lover that part of the proceeds from the book's sales will be donated to the local animal shelter. She also hopes to spread donations to other shelters that care for abused animals on a daily basis.

"The donations will be made in the name of Blue, who happens to be the only non-fictional character in the novel," Wilson-Perry said.

For more information about the novel or her cause to give to the abused animal shelters, please contact Maxine Wilson-Perry at (716) 603-9784 or visit www.RomanceForDogLovers.com.

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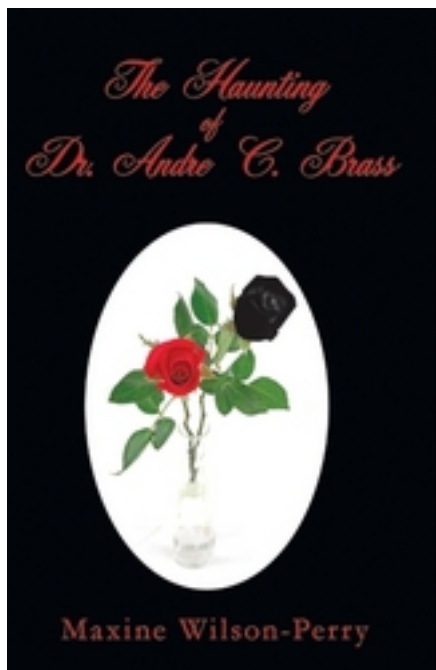
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What's the #1 Mistake Parents Make During Tough Economic Times? Not Talking About It With Their Children

New book, In Good Times And Bad, Helps Families Deal with Financial Troubles and Gives Parents Concrets Advice on How to Talk to Their Kids About Money

Hoboken, NJ (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- In Good Times and Bad, family therapist and counselor M. Gary Neuman and his wife, Melisa, lay out strategies and solutions for parents to help their kids through the stress of dealing with the problems caused by money troubles, job loss, health issues, and other difficult events. In Good Times and Bad offers practical advice on how parents can have financial conversations with their kids. The authors advise parents to:

- Explain reality and the changes that have occurred
- Reassure them
- Suggest changes in money-spending choices and priorities
- Open the conversation for your children to tell you what's important to them
- Ask them for their suggestions
- Reassure them again and commit yourselves to continuing the conversation in the future

In Good Times and Bad offers real action steps to help parents now. The authors also explain how parents can talk to their partners about money and other problems without emotions or anger getting in the way.

About the Authors:

M. Gary Neuman is a licensed family counselor and rabbi. He is the author of the New York Times bestseller [The Truth about Cheating], for which he appeared on Oprah" twice, as well as the "Today" show and "The Early Show." Melisa Neuman has written an internationally distributed column, "Dollars and Sense", and has been married to M. Gary Neuman for over twenty years. They have five children.

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Learn to Manage Money and Still Be Happy - As Easy as ABC

Many Americans are feeling the financial pressure to stay out of debt and live within their means. Perhaps they think that if they learn to manage their money wisely, they won't be able to have fun in life. Think again! Spend Joyfully!, a new release by author James W. Stone, will completely change the way Americans think about money.

(PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Spend Joyfully! is released by author James W. Stone.

Spend Joyfully! is an easy-to-read book that breaks down the process of money management into three major lessons: learning how to manage money, learning to take control of how money is spent, and learning to live happily in a world dominated by advertising and instant gratification. The fact is Spend Joyfully! could not have come out at a better time. Currently America is in the midst of a global economic crisis and most people are looking for a new way to spend and save money. According to Stone, the essential ABC's of spending wisely and enjoying life come down to: "Attitude," "Budget" and "Cash flow." Stone uses stories and clear examples from his own experience to illustrate his points.

James W. Stone was raised by parents who grew up during the Great Depression He was taught to make the most of what he had —frugally making do. However those life lessons slipped through his fingers when he struck out on his own and discovered the world of credit cards and instant gratification. Luckily he was able to work his way out of debt and back into responsible financial living. His structured approach to getting out of debt provided the basis for Spend Joyfully! This book is a must have for you if you want to live within your means and keep a smile on your face!

The author's web site is <http://www.jameswstone.com>

A free excerpt from the book can be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/22125775/Spendy-Joyfully-by-James-W-Stone-Free-Excerpt>

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EKTIMIS Launches New Powerful Website With an Attitude Focused on One Theme - Respect

EKTIMIS.com launches as a premiere online presence. The powerful new brand is focused on the primary goal of reshaping thinking and attitudes. The brand is anchored around one central theme - respect, a topic that is increasingly emerging as a cornerstone with issues such as race relations and diversity.

Boston, MA (PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- EKTIMIS, a new business brand focused on reshaping thinking and shaping attitudes, launches its new web presence. With a vision to become a leading online destination for personal, professional and family development, the EKTIMIS brand is anchored around a central theme - Respect.

The new website, EKTIMIS.com, features a body of literary principles, [The Top Ten Laws of Respect](#), that serves as a powerful development guide and a source of inspiration for individuals, families, working professionals and organizations. A growing suite of products and services, built around these principles, are offered as valuable resources and tools, including [books on respect](#) designed to reshape thinking, a growing library of concise articles focused on practical subjects on respect, and an expanding collection of powerful and engaging visual artifacts, [respect-themed framed pictures](#) created by the EKTIMIS team of sketch artists.

The new EKTIMIS website also features a link to a business section, [EKTIMIS Respect in the Workplace](#), that caters exclusively to organizations seeking a comprehensive solution to workforce diversity management and an improved workplace culture (of respect).

The EKTIMIS brand is the creation of Niyi Taiwo, a continuous improvement expert with over 21 years of experience working with Fortune 500 companies, governmental entities, as well as small businesses. He is the author of the EKTIMIS Top Ten Laws of Respect as well as the new EKTIMIS Top Ten Laws of Respect book series. He states, "The EKTIMIS brand was created to reshape people's thinking and to shape people's attitudes daily in a powerful and sustained way. The brand is going to grow and expand rapidly over the next few years with new creative and original products and services that will help and support individuals, parents, and working professionals in their sustained efforts to aspire to high standards on the path to success."

About EKTIMIS:

EKTIMIS is an innovative human capital development solutions provider. EKTIMIS develops its own brand of original products and services that include respect-themed books, articles, multimedia videos, workplace diversity training seminars (featuring the hallmark EKTIMIS Respect in the Workplace Program), and powerful inspirational picture-framed artifacts for individuals, working professionals, parents, and organizations. EKTIMIS and EKTIMIS.com are a licensed brand and an operating business division (DBA) of Strategic Enterprise Technology, Inc., a creative Boston-based performance improvement solutions company founded in 1999. Follow EKTIMIS news and activities on Twitter/[ektimis](#) and visit the EKTIMIS Store for more information on current and coming offerings.



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Xlibris International Expands into the UK, Australia and New Zealand and Announces the Inclusion of eBook Publishing Feature

Opening the Door to Authors around the World to Publish in Paperback, Hardcover, Electronic, or Elegant Leather Bound Format and Cementing Their Reputation as the Global Leader in Self-Publishing.

London, UK (PRWeb UK) November 6, 2009 -- [Xlibris Publishing](#), the global leader in self publishing announced their expansion into the UK, Australian and New Zealand markets today with new, digital friendly publishing services.

Xlibris has nurtured relationships with worldwide leaders in the industry and has initiated the launch of alliances with industry-leading digital content portals giving its titles worldwide availability in both print and digital format. The addition of publishing in the ePub format to its entire line of Black & White Publishing Services will enable the independent publishing giant to dominate the online digital publishing market by producing digital versions of all new titles it publishes – and converting tens of thousands from its list of already published titles.

By utilizing its established relationships, these titles will be available worldwide through several popular e-readers and e-channels as well as the traditional book printers and distributors. With the help of the Sony e-Book Store, Amazon's Kindle eBook Store, and the possibility of distribution through the Apple iStore, thousands of Xlibris titles will be available in a myriad of formats to reach every reader around the world.

“Xlibris leads the world in new titles brought to market. We will convert every new title and tens of thousands from our backlist into digital formats and make them available through the leading digital content portals. We believe as our self-publishing business continues to accelerate, we will become the world's largest publisher of original digital content,” said Kevin Weiss, president and chief executive officer.

By being at the forefront of digital publishing, and combined with their expansion into the UK, Australian and New Zealand publishing markets, Xlibris has truly cemented their place as the global leader in the rapidly growing self-publishing industry.

In September, Xlibris launched the Podcast Marketing Service. This new and exciting marketing tool gives authors the opportunity to reach more readers through recorded interviews made accessible on podcast portals like iTunes.

For more information about Xlibris Publishing; log onto its US Website at www.xlibrispublishing.co.uk, Australia Website www.xlibris.com.au, New Zealand Website www.xlibris.co.nz or call 1-888-795-4274 (US); 0800-644-6988 (UK); 1-800-618-969(Au); 800-891-366 (NZ)

About Xlibris

Xlibris is one of the pioneers in the self-publishing industry, and still leads the way today. Based in Bloomington, IN, and with local offices around the world, Xlibris has helped more than 20,000 authors publish over 25,000



titles, and this number increases daily. Xlibris provides authors with direct and personal access to quality publication in hardcover, paperback, electronic, full-color and leather-bound formats.

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Share Precious Memories and Create Custom Photo Books with Friends and Family SmileBooks Introduces Community Photo Books

SmileBooks - the fun and easy way for people to turn their digital photos into professionally bound and printed photo books - announced today an entirely new way for SmileBookers to create permanent memories by sharing their custom photo books online with family and friends

Farmingdale, New York (PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- SmileBooks - the fun and easy way for people to turn their digital photos into professionally bound and printed photo books - announced today an entirely new way for SmileBookers to create permanent memories by sharing their custom photo books online with family and friends.

SmileBooksOnline lets you:

- Invite others to add photo book pages using their own digital photos and text
- Customize your own layouts or choose existing SmileBooks page templates
- Add text anywhere on the page or cover
- Import digital photos from anywhere including Flickr, Picassa and Facebook
- Order printed books once your project is complete
- Choose from three different book size with various cover options
- Create photo books online without a software download no matter which operating system you use

SmileBooksOnline.com makes creating a book of permanent memories easier than ever before. The steps for crafting a book are:

- User sign-in or registration
- Choose the category (Travel, Birthdays, Weddings, etc) for your book
- Select photo book size and cover type
- Upload photos or import them from your flickr, picasa and facebook account
- Design your photo book
- Share and invite others to view or add to your photo book
- Order your professionally bound and printed SmileBook photo book

Looking for ideas? Users will never go it alone with the SmileBooksOnline Gallery that showcases the books others have created and since the user can invite friends and family to view and add pictures to the photo book they're creating, it will be a true collaborative effort that highlights the creative prowess of everyone involved.

About SmileBooks

Smilebooks is an award winning photo book builder that enables individuals to create their own professionally bound photo books using their favorite digital photos. In addition to the desktop software SmileBooks now offers an online photo book solution SmileBooksOnline.com to create custom photo books.

About CeWe Color - Owner of SmileBooks

Founded in 1961, CeWe Color is the leader in photofinishing and an innovator in digital imaging technology; producing annually over 2.6 million photo books and 2.6 billion color prints each year. Its printing facility houses one of the largest number of digital presses in Europe. To meet the demands of today's consumers, the company



employs a workforce of over 2,800 employees in 13 different facilities worldwide. CeWe Color is headquartered in Oldenburg, Germany with a U.S. office in Farmingdale, NY.

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Wellness & Writing Retreat in Italy Now Features Reiki Master Patricia McClure and Dancing/Sound Healing with Estaryia Venus

Wellness Retreat will partner with Reiki master and Estaryia Venus to offer rare opportunity for those who attend the Summer 2010 retreat in Umbria.

(PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- For two weeks during mid-summer in a peaceful, remote estate in the wooded hills of Umbria, twenty participants explore a full spectrum of wellness activities-- and [now the retreat offers more](#), bringing in expert Reiki master Patricia McClure and the renowned performer Estaryia Venus.

The retreat, held at Casa della Pace from June 13 to 26, 2010, gives each participant a diverse choice of activities, including creative writing, goal setting, Pi-yoga, nature hikes, landscape painting and portraiture, as well as time to read, relax, and take in the beautiful scenery characteristic of rural Italy.

"Time is something we can't get back," says Stephen Webber, head coordinator of this and two other Italian retreats. "I wish we could find a way to give people back lost time, but I am forced to believe this just isn't possible. The retreat is special because it gives people a rare chance to have all their needs met. It may sound surprising, but it is from relaxation and mindfulness that helps us change our perspective on the passage of time. Things seem to slow down when you do."

Those interested may visit the [website](#) for more information or to fill out a quick application.

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Twilight's Stephenie Meyer Biography Graphic Novel in Stores Wednesday

Days before the curtain rises on the latest film adaptation of the popular Twilight saga novels, a biography comic featuring author Stephenie Meyer will be available at bookstores, comic shops and online venues this Wednesday, according to Bluewater Productions.

(PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- Female Force: Stephenie Meyer, scheduled for release on November 11th, provides readers two options: a standard 22-page version and a double-sized graphic novel collector's edition that contains a variety of extras.

“We get to turn the tables on Meyers and she becomes the featured protagonist,” said Bluewater’s president Darren Davis. “We examine her rise to popularity, her “Twilight” saga novels, the launching of the successful movie franchise and her future plans. And we use a very recognizable and iconic vampire will to tell her story.”

An alternate 40-page graphic novel collector's edition will include the history of Forks; the Washington peninsula town where her stories take place as well as other bonus material not found anywhere else will be in bookstores around the US.

The title was written by Ryan Burton and drawn by Dave MacNeil. Vinnie Tartamella provides the cover art.

Meyer, Named USA Today's "Author of the Year" in 2008, is the first author of fiction featured in the Female Force series. The series, to date, has published biographies on such influential women as Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Sarah Palin and Princess Diana.

Female Force offers a broad examination of strong and influential women who are shaping modern history and culture.

“Stephenie Meyer has captured the imagination of millions. She has parlayed her stories into a cottage industry and that’s why we felt she was indeed a ‘Female Force,’” Davis added. “Also, I’m hooked on the books like everyone else!”

Davis notes other prominent and influential female authors, business executives, entertainers, journalists, politicians and activists are currently in development.

The Los Angeles Times says “It is Interesting...Dramatic Art...If you are into Stephenie Meyer and the Twilight wave, you’ll want to get this book...”

The monthly comic book series, launched earlier this year, has drawn considerable media attention, including features on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and “Live with Regis and Kelly.” It has also been featured in such periodicals as People Magazine, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, USA Today and thousands of blogs and other media outlets.

The suggested retail price (SRP) for the upcoming trade paperback is \$3.99 for the standard 22-page version and



\$6.99 for the 40-page collectors edition. The ISBN for the graphic novel is: 978-1427641847.

High-resolution images and interview opportunities are available upon request.

About Bluewater Productions

Bluewater Productions Inc. is one of the top independent production studios of comic books, young adult books and graphic novels. Its extensive catalog of titles includes the bestsellers “10th Muse” and “The Legend of Isis” ”Bluewater publishes comic books in partnership with entertainment icon William Shatner (“TekWar Chronicles”) and celebrated actor Vincent Price (“Vincent Price Presents”), Additionally, Bluewater publishes a highly successful line of biographical comics under the titles “Female Force” and “Political Power.”

Bluewater aims to unite cutting-edge art and engaging stories produced by its stable of the publishing industry’s top artists and writers.

Following its commitment to green publishing, Bluewater comic books are printed on Forest Stewardship Council certified paper. FSC certification guarantees that the paper used in Bluewater books contains fiber from well-managed and responsibly harvested forests that meet strict environmental and socioeconomic standards.

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A Course in Miracles Student's Book Review at Shandarrah's Place

Barbara J. Gill is pleased to announce that Shandarrah's Place will offer book reviews as part of the website's dedication to the healing arts. www.shandarrah.com was established in 2006 to help spiritually minded people know they are not alone in a secular world. "Making Peace with God: The Journey of a Course in Miracles Student" by Pauline Edward is the first review offered.

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Gill said, "We search for a spiritual connection to give meaning and definition to our lives in the face of war, disease, broken relationships, financial stress and more. "Making Peace With God" exemplifies the reason Shandarrah's Place exists and manages to attract world-wide readership. Gill's positive review states, "While interesting and varied, studies and experiences often left Edward feeling isolated ..." But Edward persevered. According to author Stella Pilon, "This book could very well have been titled "A Lot of Willingness" as I saw in it someone who sought her true path with much determination."

"Religions often preach exclusivity. Non-exclusivity is one of the cornerstones of solid spiritual teachings," said Gill. "There are many spiritual and religious paths to follow. Our happiness may evolve when we explore our options, choose a path then stay on that path. This premise and Edward's tone of non-judgement make her book worthy of review."

Acclaimed Course teacher Gary Renard features the book on his recommended reading list. Making Peace with God was published in August of 2009 by Desert Lily Productions. Read the review at Shandarrah's Place (<http://www.shandarrah.com>) or Barbara's Blog (<http://www.shandarrah.com/Voices%20Within/>).

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Kendra's Pearl: A New Novel by K.L. Lewis

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(PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- Kendra's Pearl is about one little girls struggle through childhood abuse, dealing with the emotional, mental, and physical abuse from her mother after the death of her father. Kendra struggles to maintain through the years of abuse, and extreme pressures of caring for her siblings and trying to please her mother Pearl. Soon Kendra begins to rebel and fight back. Will she self destruct or will she find the strength to turn a bad situation into something positive as a young adult? You will have to read to find out

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Excerpt: In the year before Kendra Haywood starts kindergarten, life isn't too bad in her small Ohio town. Oh, sure, Mama and Daddy don't live together and Grandma gets a little tired of Mama going out to the disco all the time, but Kendra knows that her Mama loves her and will always be there for her. However, when Kendra's father dies in a tragic motorcycle accident, something changes in Mama-and life is never the same for Kendra again.

After Daddy's death, Kendra's mother, Pearl, starts to date again and ends up pregnant, giving birth to Kendra's baby brother. After the baby's father and Pearl break up, Kendra's mother falls into a dark depression, and Kendra can do nothing but watch her mother self-destruct.

Pearl soon directs her rage and hurt at Kendra, treating her with cold disdain, hot anger, or irrational behavior. As the years go by, things only get worse as Pearl enters one failed relationship after another, has two more children, and relies on Kendra to be the responsible one.

Through it all, Kendra knows that the only way she can ever find herself is to leave home for good. But does she have the strength to break the cycle of abuse or will her own life follow her mother's tragic path? There's only one way to find out...

Purchase at: My websites posted above, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Borders, and any other online bookstore. Working on getting the book in stores.

About the Author: K.L. Lewis is from Madisonville, KY. She has been writing for many years, but recently decided to publish her work. She received her BSN from the University of Oklahoma College of nursing, and is an Army Registered Nurse, serving in the Army for about 15 years now. She is married and has a son. K.L.'s other projects include a poetry book Pure Thoughts that she is waiting to promote and other novels that she is working on. She currently resides with her family in Harker Heights, TX

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Award Winning Gay Author Writes Travel Book About Next Gay Mecca – Cape Town, South Africa

While researching his upcoming novel in a country nicknamed "The Rainbow Nation," award winning novelist Michael Holloway Perronne discovers the coastal city of Cape Town, South Africa is quickly emerging as a gay travel spot for those who are looking for a GLBT friendly destination outside of the usual. With its progressive government, beautiful beaches, pulsing clubs, world class shopping and rich heritage, Cape Town is well on its way to becoming the next gay mecca. The Quickie Gay Guide to Cape Town, South Africa is the result of Perronne's painstaking research as well as his first foray into travel writing.

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Perronne felt compelled to travel to Cape Town to research his upcoming new novel. "In 2007, I came up with the idea for a new novel, *Lost Sons*, set partly in South Africa," Perronne, a native of the American South, says. "I had always been curious about this country on the other side of the world since my great-grandfather immigrated to the United States from Cape Town, South Africa. I knew I had to actually travel there to do my novel any justice and to hope for any sort of ring of authenticity."

Admittedly, the author didn't know much about South Africa beyond a general knowledge of the atrocities of apartheid and a little about the country's hero, Nelson Mandela. "Once there, I discovered a country in the middle of an amazing transition with the most breathtaking scenery I have seen. I also found it remarkable that a country that basically had a legal caste system until 1994 now has one of the world's most liberal constitutions, which includes the legalization of gay marriage," Perronne says. "The pride of the nation is the hosting of the upcoming 2010 Soccer World Cup from June to July. Many South Africans see this as an opportunity to show the world how much they have accomplished since the days of apartheid."

What also charmed the author and motivated his writing of *Quickie Gay Guide to Cape Town, South Africa* was the city's thriving gay culture. "Cape Town has been slowly emerging as a gay travel destination and I wanted to write a travel guide in hope of increasing 'gay awareness' about this captivating city," Perronne says. "The overwhelming majority of the locals are eager to please and show off just how far their country has come. I personally want to thank the people of Cape Town, whose warmth and kindness have touched me in so many ways."

Quickie Gay Guide to Cape Town, South Africa, provides the first time gay traveler to Cape Town with a helpful list of local resources to make the most of your trip. Learn about the hottest clubs in town for the guys and the gals, gay owned and friendly accommodations, where to dine with "family," malls to put those credit cards through a workout, major local cultural and historical sights and insider tips on local culture and people.



Michael Holloway Perronne is the author of four novels, including the award winning, A Time Before Me. Quickie Gay Guide to Cape Town, South Africa is his first travel piece. He is currently at work on his next novel, set partly in Cape Town, Lost Sons, due out in mid-2010. For more information on Michael, please visit the author's website, www.michaelhperronne.com.

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Book Release Party for 'Facebook Addiction' Goes Virtual

Author of the upcoming book, "Facebook Addiction: The Life & Times of Social Networking Addicts," takes his Book Release Party Online

New York, NY (PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- Nnamdi Godson Osuagwu has penned the first fictional book about the social networking phenomenon, Facebook (<http://www.TheFacebookAddiction.com>). In collaboration with the New York Daily News, his work explores the question, "Are you a Facebook addict?" The book is scheduled for release on December 1, 2009 through the unique venue of a weekend-long Global Online Book Release Party. The festivities will begin Friday, December 4th and continue through Sunday, December 6th with interactive opportunities for all participants.

Guests will be able to access the main forum through a customized application embedded in the Facebook Page, The Global Party. Interactive opportunities will include guests posting photos and videos of themselves throughout the weekend. Guests will also have the opportunity to interact with the author by posting comments and inquiries about the book. A vanity URL, <http://www.TheGlobalPartyOnline.com>, has been established to easily redirect all partygoers to the celebration. Non Facebook users will be able to interact by following Osuagwu throughout the weekend on Twitter @IceCreamMelts (<http://twitter.com/IceCreamMelts>).

A downloadable electronic book will made available after the book release celebration and serve as a memento for all of those that participated.

Osuagwu states, "In the wake of the current economic climate, I decided to do something different with this project. Facebook is a global social networking website; it makes sense that the book release party for the first fictional book about Facebook is global in nature." This venue will allow everyone to join in regardless of his or her location. The Online Global Book Release Party will offer participants the chance to share personal experiences regarding their own Facebook addiction and read stories from other "users." Osuagwu concludes, "Simply put, more people are staying home and finding alternative ways for entertainment due to the recession. This Party will be a uniquely fun way to connect."

Nnamdi Godson Osuagwu is the author of "Ice Cream Melts," a well-received book of poetry on the processes of life's high points transitioning into low points. He is also the author of "A Souvenir for My Mom: First Hand Accounts from the 2009 US Presidential Inauguration," which is a collection of interviews and firsthand accounts of the feelings and experiences of the people attending the historic event.

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N1H1 Vaccine Shortage Could Be a Planned Blunder, According to Author of New Book

Is the lack of H1N1 vaccine just another display of gross incompetence or is it something right out of Goodman's new book?

(PRWEB) November 7, 2009 -- During a recent radio interview for Author Autobahn, Len Goodman, author of "The Meltdown Chronicles", was asked about how his book reflects his theory of a long time conspiracy to engineer massive social change. "Just take a look at another example of 'three stooges' public and private management ability to screw things up. The dreaded H1N1 flu, which has been touted as a pandemic, has killed fewer people in the world than are killed on U.S. highways in two months. The data supports that very fact. However, what if the H1N1 mutates into a real threat, there is no vaccine! Could such bumbling just appear to be an innocent mistake?" he said.

Indeed, little attention has been given to the fact that the wrong flu vaccine was ordered by the government at a cost of over one billion dollars to taxpayers. A vaccine for the normal strain of flue was delivered but nobody wants to take this vaccine as it has been proven to do little to protect against the many strains of flu virus. And it does nothing to combat the N1H1 virus.

What if the H1N1 becomes the real deal and there is no vaccine? Oops. According to Goodman, "No wonder many citizens are paying more attention to conspiracy theories. In fact, those off the wall theories provide a more rational answer to the crazy things that are not supposed to happen than what is being put out in the media. People are asking themselves how can this constant barrage of gross incompetence on a worldwide scale become almost a daily occurrence?"

Goodman contends in his book "The Meltdown Chronicles" (available through Amazon.com. See link below) that like socialism, capitalism is a failing model and won't meet the needs of a burgeoning world population and always rising economic expectations.

Others in powerful places seem to feel the same concerns. A high powered panel of economists, public officials and business interests are meeting in Aspen, Colorado to consider the problems related to the future of Capitalism. Of course, a conference doesn't automatically give Goodman's plot any credibility, but it does whisper the concerns that have not been mentioned openly.

Indeed, the question needs to be asked: will economics and global politics be up to facing the potential coming Malthusian nightmare? As portrayed in "The Meltdown Chronicles", could reducing the earth's population become the dirty secret behind social engineering and massive public "blunders"?

Most scoff at the idea and call it nothing but another paranoid conspiracy theory, but it is a very probable scenario nonetheless. As Goodman stated in the interview, "the signs are everywhere: highest unemployment since the depression-and still growing, meaningless wars, bogus government statistics, and burgeoning populations in the third world. The developed nations, a.k.a, the Industrial nations, used to be producers of tangible products but seem to have evolved into pushers of flim-flam and building revenues on a criminal



business model of trickery and deceit. But still, most people can't or don't want to see it for what it is... or even what it might be".

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Searing Honesty and Extraordinary Bravery in This Amazing True-Life Story of a Remarkable Scotswoman

Chris grew up in the impoverished aristocracy of post-war Scotland. The black sheep of her family, she struggled against the confines of class and gender, searching for truth in an atmosphere where lies were the norm.

(PRWEB) November 6, 2009 -- My Sweet Wild Dance is released by author Mikaya Heart.

Chris grew up in the impoverished aristocracy of post-war Scotland. The black sheep of her family, she struggled against the confines of class and gender, searching for truth in an atmosphere where lies were the norm. As soon as she was old enough to escape her parents' stranglehold, she tried on many different personas, experimenting with drugs, free love, and anti-establishment politics.

Always on the cutting edge of radical thought, she was active around environmental issues decades before they were common knowledge. Turning to Nature for solace, she moved to rural California, where she worked as a jill-of-all-trades, came out as a lesbian, and engaged in healing work centered around her sexuality. Facing her fears and finding love, she experienced many varied, riveting, and mind-expanding adventures that brought her to a place of deep compassion and forgiveness. Eventually, satisfied with nothing short of absolute freedom, she sold everything and took to the road, becoming the woman who follows the wind.

Mikaya Heart knows how to dance her own sweet, wild dance, and she offers us a compelling picture of the agony and the ecstasy that are the rewards of choosing one's personal truth. The path she has forged through the jungle of life is an inspiration to anyone who is looking for the true meaning of love in our changing world. Heart grew up in Scotland and lives in rural northern California where she built her own house out of recycled lumber.

She has always worked hard at her personal healing, and is a keen writer. This led to a book on women's sexuality – *When the Earth Moves: Women and Orgasm*. After teaching classes on adult sexuality for a few years, she decided to focus elsewhere. Several of her short stories, and two other books – *The Straight Woman's Guide to Lesbianism*, and *With the Sun in my Eyes* – have also been published. The latter, a true story about a shamanistic healer from Seattle, is an excellent introduction to the practical applications of shamanic work.

Always dissatisfied with shallow, pat explanations, Mikaya has struggled to understand what life is really about. Over the years, that crystallized into existential questions, such as, what or who am I? Who put me here on this planet, and why? She eventually found answers to those questions through AMAG, a number of non-physical beings who speak through Dayana Jon. After a couple of accidents, a strange illness, and a number of startling experiences, Mikaya had an epiphany that led to her selling all of her property, in order to be absolutely free. She now teaches kitesurfing all over the world, following her heart from day to day, and going where she is called.

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Murder in a Small Vermont Village Where Friendship Runs Deep

Shadow on Cant Dog Hill is released by author John H. Vibber - a murder / mystery thriller about intrigue and murder in small-town Vermont.

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The year is 1982 and the place is a remote village in Vermont. Small-town single parents Adele Clayton and Reilly Bostwick are in love. Nothing prevents this popular nurse and this teacher from forming a new family except a murder and a kidnapping. Their story is set in the frontier corner of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, where the village of Canaan is forty-five miles from the nearest stoplight and sometimes equally removed from the law. It is a fifteen-below-zero morning in January.

Two days before, Reilly had found a woman shot faceless on a snowy hillside. Yesterday, the state medical examiner identified the victim as Reilly's ex-wife, Klarissa Wilcox, and police discovered her blood in his cellar. Today, Reilly sits in the Newport jail believing that nothing worse than this could happen to his eight-year-old daughter, Amy. He's wrong. The true killers are looking for her. Fortunately, their intricate plan hasn't anticipated the involvement of lovely Adele Clayton and her rowdy band of friends.

Shadow on Cant-dog Hill is a tale for hard times: an intricate thriller from Vermont's most remote village where the wealth of friendship cleverly overcomes the poverty of despair.

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An Aging Mother Reveals the Shocking Secrets of Her Past

In Our Quiet Village is released by author Mary Lou Chayes, a family saga spanning three generations and a multitude of shocking secrets.

(PRWEB) November 6, 2009 -- Ninety-year-old Minna and her daughter Julie have a strained relationship. Julie has stored up resentments from her past; having been sent off to a boarding school as a young girl and estranged from her family, she has kept much of her life secret from her mother. Minna, too has not been entirely truthful about her own past. When she visits Julie, Minna decides to unburden herself from the painful secrets of her childhood. When Minna was sixteen years old, her father shot at his second wife, then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. This violent incident created a shameful scandal in the quiet village in New York's Mohawk valley, and it changed the course of Minna's life forever.

In *Our Quiet Village* by author Mary Lou Chayes, tells the true story of Minna's family, beginning at the turn of the last century when her mother and father, both German immigrants, meet and fall in love. Karl and Susanna have two children, Hans and Minna and a third child who dies in infancy. The story of Minna's family begins like that of many other families of that time, with happiness and hardship going hand in hand. However, Susanna's life is tragically cut short by pneumonia, leaving Karl a widower with two children to care for. When Karl's distant cousin, Herta writes from Germany to apply for the job of housekeeper, he believes he has found the solution to the family's problems. After he marries her, she is revealed to be mentally unstable, full of anger and self-loathing. Life becomes a living hell.

In Our Quiet Village is a family saga that spans three generations. This love story turned tragedy plays out against a backdrop of a historically significant time in U.S. history, tracing the rise of the labor movement and the struggle for women's suffrage. Chayes includes actual photographs of the family as well as the headline article from the local newspaper that reported the fateful incident.

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An excerpt of the book may be viewed or downloaded at [Scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com) - <http://www.scribd.com/doc/22121875/In-Our-Quiet-Village-by-Mary-Lou-Chayes-Free-Excerpt>

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Elevate Dallas 09 Leadership Summit Comes To Fair Park Music Hall

On November 13 and 14, thousands of enthusiastic marketplace, community and church leaders are expected to converge on Fair Park Music Hall for [Elevate Dallas](#) 09, a 2-day leadership summit featuring keynote speakers such as Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and leadership expert and NY Times bestselling author Dr. John C. Maxwell.

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The event is being organized by Keith Craft Leadership Shapers (KCLS) a leadership consulting firm based in Frisco, TX. According to Keith A. Craft, founder and president of KCLS, Elevate Dallas 09 is about, “Elevating the way people think so they can elevate their life.” As a leadership strategist and success coach, Keith has brought his message of elevation to corporations and arenas across America, often sharing the platform with former world leaders such as Mikhail Gorbachev, Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell and George H. W. Bush.

In addition to delivering leading edge solutions on a wide variety of topics from “Transforming Your Career and Personal Brand” to “The Art of Self Leadership”, Elevate Dallas 09 is partnering with Mayor Leppert, the City of Dallas and Randy Skinner of Justice Revival for its social justice initiative, which will provide backpacks filled with food items to help feed an estimated 30,000 children who go hungry every weekend in the Dallas Metroplex.

KCLS will present the 2009 Elevate Your Thinking Award to a Dallas resident nominated online at the Elevate Dallas website for their selfless and heroic service to their community and country.

Other [speakers](#) scheduled to present during Elevate Dallas are Hollywood Producer and Personal Branding Expert Phil Cooke, co-founder of American Telecast Corporation, Steven Scott and Paul Hannan, President of the Australian Institute for Human Dynamics.

David Stroud, Senior Vice President with event sponsor, Lee Hecht Harrison will host a special session on “How to improve your Hiring Quotient in a Volatile Economy”. Elevate Dallas 09 attendees will also receive credits toward HRCI certification through its partnership with Lee Hecht Harrison.

For more details visit the Elevate Dallas 09 website at www.elevatedallas.com.

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KiwiTech Unveils Quantum Reader for the Apple iPhone™ and iPod Touch™ -- W.W. Norton and KiwiTech to Release Video eBook app for “The Blind Side”

KiwiTech, has released Quantum, a new ebook reader for the iPhone and iPod Touch.

Washington (Vocus) November 5, 2009 -- KiwiTech, a leading technology firm that develops ebook readers for smartphones and provides app development services, has released Quantum, a new [ebook reader](#) that supports ePub files and has best-of-breed features for the iPhone and iPod Touch.

KiwiTech also announced that it collaborated with publisher W.W. Norton & Company to release “The Blind Side” as Quantum’s first customized single ebook application.

[“The Blind Side,”](#) which was published in 2006, is now a major motion picture starring Sandra Bullock, to be released in theatres nationwide on November 20, 2009.

“The Quantum Reader will change the way people read books by making the experience more enjoyable and convenient for them,” said Anita Gupta, President of KiwiTech. “Also, Quantum single book apps are discoverable on the iPhone plus allow the ability for publishers to enhance their content with multimedia elements.”

Drake McFeely, President of W.W. Norton said, “Norton is a leader in the publishing industry. We are working with KiwiTech, an innovative technology provider, to find new ways of distributing and marketing our titles. The release of “The Blind Side” as a single ebook app is an important step in this effort.”

Gupta said Quantum represents a critical innovation for KiwiTech, because it uses the ePub format to display text on smartphones. Quantum allows users to:

- Use a skimming feature to skip to a specific page number within an ebook
- Adjust the font size to customize the reading experience
- Annotate the text
- Use multiple bookmarks within an ebook
- Search for words or phrases
- Use a backlit feature to enable better visibility for night reading

“These features will make Quantum Reader an essential tool for any person who enjoys reading books on a smartphone,” Gupta said.

About KiwiTech

KiwiTech is a new-age ebook distribution company. KiwiTech has built ebook readers for various mobile platforms, with more under development. The firm collaborates with content providers to distribute premium content for three markets -- consumers, associations, and schools – on various smartphone platforms. KiwiTech also works with industry leaders to provide app development services. KiwiTech currently has over 80 apps now available on different platforms (including the iPhone™ and BlackBerry Storm™) and has top 20 apps in several countries and in different languages. www.kiwitech.com



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Details Revealed as The Twilight Saga: New Moon Takes Over Habbo Hotel

Interactive experience to include virtual items and chats with cast members hosted by the largest global virtual world for teens.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) November 5, 2009 -- Summit Entertainment and Habbo Hotel (www.habbo.com), the largest virtual world for teenagers, today revealed new details for the exclusive The Twilight Saga: New Moon-themed activities, rooms, virtual goods and much more planned to kick-off at Habbo Hotel this week to celebrate the highly anticipated release of The Twilight Saga: New Moon on November 20.

Beginning November 6, log in to Habbo Hotel or join for free by going to www.habbo.com and clicking on the "Register Now" button. Habbo Hotel will introduce The Twilight Saga: New Moon-themed virtual items and activities throughout its 31 communities worldwide. Users will have the opportunity to decorate their online rooms with virtual goods based on the film, including a dreamcatcher, a piano, the Volturi crest and a table topped with a birthday cake and gifts.

To show support for all the activities happening in Habbo Hotel, a select actor from The Twilight Saga: New Moon is scheduled to log in, which may be announced or may be a surprise, to check out the festivities and conduct an in-world chat. You never know who may be stopping by Habbo Hotel during the festivities. Will it be your favorite Twilight Saga character? Log in and don't miss out.

"Habbo users have been very vocal in expressing their interest in the Twilight Saga film series," said Teemu Huuhtanen, president, North America, Sulake Inc. "Our goal is to provide a fun and easy-to-access online venue for Habbo members around the world to meet up and share their excitement for the upcoming movie, The Twilight Saga: New Moon."

There are currently Habbo Hotel communities in 31 countries on six continents. To date, more than 148 million Habbo characters have been created and nearly 14 million unique users worldwide visit Habbo each month making it the largest virtual environment for teens anywhere in the world.

The Twilight Saga: New Moon is directed by Chris Weitz and stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner. In the film, the romance between mortal and vampire soars to a new level as Bella Swan (Stewart) delves deeper into the mysteries of the supernatural world she yearns to become part of--only to find herself in greater peril than ever before. Following Edward Cullen's (Pattinson) departure from Forks, Washington, Bella discovers his image comes to her whenever she puts herself in jeopardy. In time, Bella's frozen heart is gradually thawed by her budding relationship with Jacob Black (Lautner) who has a supernatural secret of his own.

The action-packed, modern day vampire love story Twilight, the first film in the series, was released in theatres on November 21, 2008 to a blockbuster reception. The third film in the franchise, The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, is due in theaters on June 30, 2010.



ABOUT SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

Summit Entertainment, LLC is a worldwide theatrical motion picture development, financing, production and distribution studio. The studio handles all aspects of marketing and distribution for both its own internally developed motion pictures as well as acquired pictures. Summit Entertainment, LLC also represents international sales for both its own slate and third party product. Summit Entertainment, LLC plans to release 10 to 12 films annually.

ABOUT HABBO HOTEL

Habbo Hotel is a richly colorful, multi-dimensional virtual world and community for teens. Users join by creating a fully customized online character called a Habbo. From there, they can explore many public hang-outs, participate in a variety of activities, connect with friends, decorate their own rooms, and have fun through creativity and self expression. Currently there are Habbo Hotel communities in 31 countries on six continents. To date, 148 million Habbo characters have been created and close to 14 million unique browsers worldwide visit Habbo each month (source: Quantcast).

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