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The Bookcase and Global Roam ink.™ Announce Summer Teen Reading Contest

Wayzata, Minn., June 2, 2008 — The Bookcase and Global Roam ink.™ have joined forces to sponsor a summer teen reading contest.

Teens are encouraged to read *The Killing Sea*, participate in free book club gatherings with other area youth at The Bookcase, and submit an essay based on the novel for a chance at publication on Global Roam ink.™

The Killing Sea, which was recently released in paperback, is a young adult novel about two teens nearly swept away in a tsunami. The teens—Ruslan and Sarah—are from different worlds. Ruslan is an Indonesian youth living on an island in the Indian Ocean. Sarah is an American teen on a family sailing vacation. Each brings a unique point of view to the challenge of surviving; however, they find strength and friendship in battling the elements together.

The book is based on the 2004 tsunami. The author, Richard Lewis, volunteered in the clean up efforts and witnessed the watery destruction first hand. A portion of the author's profits from the sale of the book help fund continuing relief programs. An interview with the author is posted on Global Roam ink.™

Teens living in the Twin Cities metropolitan area who are reading *The Killing Sea* are invited to The Bookcase for a free book club gathering with other readers. Teens will discuss the book and create questions for the author, who has agreed to respond via email. His replies will be posted on the Global Roam ink.™ blog.

Dates for the book club meetings are Tuesday, June 24 and Tuesday, August 12. The time for both dates is 10:30am–noon. Each meeting will follow the same order; teens only need attend once.

Teens interested in submitting an essay to the contest must be in grades 6–12 in the 2008-09 school year. In 600 words or less, they must answer the following question:

The tsunami caused destruction, but it also caused change. Both Ruslan and Sarah are changed as a result of their experience surviving the wave.

Chose one of the main characters (Ruslan or Sarah) and describe his/her change. In what ways did he/she change? What brought about these changes? How can you tell that he/she really did change?

Teens should include their name, age, home state and email address at the bottom of their essays. Essays should be pasted into an email and sent to kelly@globalroamink.com.

Deadline for submission is September 20, 2008. Winners will be announced October 1, 2008.

The winning essay will be published on Global Roam ink.™ Its author will receive a \$50 gift certificate to The Bookcase, an independently-owned bookstore in Wayzata, Minnesota (Books can be shipped out of state). Plus, a Global Roam ink.™ t-shirt will sweeten the deal.

An honorable mention essay will also be published on Global Roam ink.™ Its author will also receive a t-shirt and a \$20 gift certificate to The Bookcase.

To learn more, visit www.GlobalRoamInk.com.

About The Bookcase

The Bookcase is a locally and independently-owned book store on the shores of Lake Minnetonka, which has served its community for more than 50 years. The Bookcase brings nationally recognized authors to town, hosts book events for all ages, and strives to meet every customer's literary needs. Visit www.BookcaseOfWayzata.com.

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