

Teen Fantasy Novel LYMERIA Nominated For The International Eric Hoffer Award

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Atlanta, GA/January 31, 2008 – The teen fantasy novel LYMERIA (ISBN 978-0-595-45268-2, iUniverse, 2007) and its 15 year old author, Kristina Coia, were nominated for the Eric Hoffer Book Award. The Eric Hoffer Award was established in the memory of the philosopher, Eric Hoffer and recognizes the best in independent books. The Award is given annually and winners will be announced in April 2008.

“I am honored that LYMERIA has been recognized by the nomination for the Hoffer Award,” said Kristina Coia. “This nomination is really humbling. I never thought when I began writing that my books would receive the audience and attention that they have.

“I have always loved reading and writing since I was in Kindergarten and want to share those gifts with others,” continued Coia “LYMERIA is fantasy novel that is designed to give the message of self-esteem and friendship to readers. I hope that everyone who reads LYMERIA will be able to escape for a moment into a fun-filled and exciting read.”

LYMERIA is a novel is about a young girl who finds a mysterious silver bauble hiding beneath a cabinet in her grandmother’s house. When she does, a spellbinding epic tale begins to unfold...Wynne, a humble kitchen maid, and her friends, Princess Avariella, Prince Jared, and Aric, a stable hand, find adventure and wonder in the world of Lymeria. The four friends are pulled into a labyrinth of riddles and trickery in their desperate attempt to stop the evils of the dreaded wizard Cepheus.

Kristina has written a captivating tale full of twists and turns, in which four friends work together to outwit the forces of evil while discovering the power of love and the bond of friendship. The book opened to critical reviews across the nation and has been nominated for numerous literary awards.

The Eric Hoffer Award was started in 2000 in memory of author, philosopher, and Presidential Medal of Freedom Award Winner, Eric Hoffer to honor freethinking authors and their works. The Award is administered by Hopewell Publications in Titusville, New Jersey and attracts over 1500 entries from throughout the world. LYMERIA is being accepted for its creative flair and independent writing style of its author.

In addition to her writing career, Kristina is also a talented singer and has developed the nationally acclaimed program “Shine Through” that teaches young girls self-esteem and how to resist peer pressure. Kristina has been featured on FOX & Friends and countless other shows across the country for her novels and the “Shine Through” program.

Additional information on Kristina and LYMERIA may be obtained at www.lymeria.com.

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