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Endangered Liaisons Wins First-Place Honors in Reader Views Annual Literary Awards.

Riverside, CA, March 9, 2009 -- *Endangered Liaisons*, by Don Shay (ISBN 9780615213453, Alarus Press, 2008), has been selected as first-place winner in Travel and Africa categories, and is also recipient of the Karen Villanueva Award for Best Global Book of the Year, in the Reader Views 2008 Literary Awards. Reader Views, which reviews more than 2,000 books per year, established the annual awards to honor writers whose books were published by small press, university press or independent book publishers. The awards are granted in fiction and nonfiction categories, as well as regional, global and specialized sponsored categories.

Endangered Liaisons features 238 striking wildlife photos, captured by the author during twenty years of travel throughout Africa. Accompanying the photos are memoir-style essays that provide an intimate glimpse into the seductive allure of Africa, as Shay recounts his adventures and offers his unique perspective as a tourist on safari. The Midwest Book Review has called the book “the perfect giftbook for wildlife lovers, a welcome addition to photography shelves, and truly an amazing sight to behold from cover to cover.” African Wildlife Foundation CEO Patrick J. Bergin states: “In *Endangered Liaisons*, Don Shay captures the true essence of being on safari. Don’s personal narrative and stunning images exude a knowledge of and commitment to the continent that are derived from many remarkable forays ‘into the bush,’ and an unrelenting devotion to conserving the unparalleled wildlife splendor he has seen.”

Endangered Liaisons was previously honored as an award-winning finalist in the Travel-Essay and Photography-Nature categories of USA Book News’ National Best Book 2008 Awards, and is currently a finalist in the Photography category of ForeWord magazine’s 2008 Book of the Year Awards, winners to be announced in May 2009.

For additional information on the book or to purchase a copy, visit: <http://www.africagraphica.com>.

Endangered Liaisons is also sold at online stores such as Amazon, or may be ordered direct from the publisher by calling toll-free: 1-866-539-7428.

About the Author: Don Shay is the founder and publisher of *Cinefex*, a quarterly magazine on movie special effects. He has written extensively on motion picture technology for that publication and others. His book, *The Making of Jurassic Park*, co-authored with Jody Duncan, topped the New York Times best-seller list for several weeks in 1993.