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Was the Greatest Story Ever Told...the Complete Story?

SEPTEMBER 2009 Snow Mountain Press, an imprint of Summit University Press, announces the publication of *ISSA: The Greatest Story Never Told*, a novel by Lois Drake, **due in bookstores everywhere September 2009!**

This riveting story of the life of Jesus, known in the East as Saint Issa, spans his early youth in Nazareth and his travels in the East—weaving threads from many sources to create a compelling vision of the life of the teenager who would become the savior of the world.

This new work of fiction tells the story of Jesus as a young man as he seeks to define his earthly mission. Lois Drake takes us along on Jesus' journey as he searches for illumined teachers who can help guide his path.

His quest takes him deep into the East.

We come to know the mysterious Kushan people *before* they established their vast empire in portions of China, Afghanistan and India. Were they descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel?

We are introduced to members of the ancient Order of Melchizedek, which is linked to the Three Wise Men who followed the star to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

ISSA is filled with adventure, mystery, intrigue and an ever-expanding spirituality.

And deeper questions emerge as the novel unfolds. Is Jesus' story really OUR story? Is it possible that Jesus was more example than exception?

Do we carry within us the same seeds of spiritual mastery and enlightenment as Jesus did?

And ultimately in *ISSA*, do we see played out the central and vital role of free will in choosing our own spiritual destiny?

In light of these questions, *ISSA* is even more compelling, poignant and inspiring. This "greatest story *never* told" is about the power of choice, the power of the spirit to direct and guide the soul to its utmost realization. In *ISSA*, we come to understand more deeply the factors that lead Jesus to make the choices he made.

ISSA: The Greatest Story Never Told will captivate a diverse readership. It is a richly imagined glimpse behind the scenes of one of the most remarkable lives ever chronicled in human history.

Ms. Drake is available for interview anytime.

Review copies of her book are also available upon request.

Trade paperback edition will be distributed to the trade by National Book Network and available in stores Sept. 2009.

*Ms. Drake has worked for more than twenty years in the fields of marketing and advertising. She became fascinated with imagining Jesus' early years after reading of his journey to the East in *The Lost Years of Jesus* by Elizabeth Clare Prophet. Ms. Drake and her husband have made numerous trips to Tibet as founders of *Friendship Homes and Schools*, a nonprofit organization that began assisting orphans in Tibet and remote parts of China. Ms. Drake makes her home in Prescott, Arizona.*

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