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San Diego Libraries Welcome Best-Selling Author David Relin *One of Many “One Book, One San Diego” Reading Campaign Activities*

San Diego, CA...David Oliver Relin, co-author of the New York Times best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, will appear January 29 at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library and on January 30 at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library. *Three Cups of Tea* recounts Greg Mortenson’s efforts to promote peace in remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan by building schools. The book is the selected title in the *One Book, One San Diego* program. Entering its second year, *One Book* is designed to have all San Diego read the same book at the same time—creating, in effect, a citywide book club.

Three Cups of Tea has appeared on the New York Times paperback nonfiction best seller list for 50 weeks. Relin and his co-author Greg Mortenson recount the unlikely journey that led Mortenson from a failed attempt to climb the Pakistani mountain K2 to successfully building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The book was named the nonfiction winner of the 2007 Kiriyaama Prize, the 2007 Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Book of the Year, *Time Magazine* Asia Book of the Year and *People Magazine* Critic's Choice.

Relin will appear from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library at 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 858-538-8157 for more information. Relin also will appear from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30 at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library at

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7555 Draper Avenue. This event also is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 858-552-1657 for more information on the La Jolla event. More information on Relin appearances in San Diego also is available at www.sandiegolibrary.org under the *One Book* section.

Relin is a noted journalist and author. For two decades, he has focused on reporting about social issues and their effect on children. Relin has won more than 40 national awards for work as both an editor and writer. His stories about child soldiers have been included in Amnesty International reports. And his investigation into the way the Immigration and Naturalization Service abused children in its custody contributed to the reorganization of that agency. He is currently a Contributing Editor for *Parade*. Relin is a graduate of Vassar and was awarded the prestigious Teaching/Writing Fellowship at the Iowa Writer's Workshop.

The City of San Diego Public Library is partnering with KPBS on the *One Book, One San Diego* program that promotes reading as a source of pleasure and enrichment and engages the community in dialogue promoting tolerance and understanding about differing points of view.

On January 22, 2008 the San Diego City Council passed a resolution declaring January 2008 **“ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH”** in the City of San Diego. The resolution, presented by Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer, recognized this award winning book along with the San Diego Public Library and partner KPBS for their efforts to “promote literacy, a love of reading, and deeper understanding about the issues that affect our community.”

The library is hosting other presentations and lectures, films, and book discussions throughout the city. One of the lectures will be facilitated by Phillip Gunderson, Ph.D., a Central Library staff member and literature professor, on February 11 at 6:30 in the Wangenheim Room, on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Other events are currently scheduled at Central and branch libraries and more will be scheduled through the year. Please check www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.kpbs.org for the most up-to-date schedule of *One Book* events.

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Three Cups of Tea is widely held in the library. City of San Diego Public Library cardholders, who would like to join the discussion as part of *One Book One San Diego*, can reserve the book through the library catalog. Copies can also be picked up in the Social Science section of the Central Library, or call 619-236-5894 to have one sent to a San Diego Public Library branch. The library has also created “Book Club in a Bag,” containing *Three Cups of Tea*, discussion guides and resources for book clubs. Through the Library and KBPS websites, KPBS radio and television and community outreach, *One Book, One San Diego* will encourage everyone to take time to read this inspiring and thought provoking book.

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