

Anti-whaling thriller Finalist in 'Visionary Fiction' award

Koru Press is pleased to announce the anti-whaling thriller novel *Echoes in the Blue* has been short-listed as a finalist for the 2007 Nautilus Book Award.

C. George Muller's factual "eco-thriller" about illegal whaling is one of 2-4 finalists in the Adult 'Visionary Fiction' category, open to all titles published in 2006 and 2007, and is in the running for the top accolade with the winner yet to be announced.

The Nautilus Book Award is a unique award created to honour books that promote conscious living and positive social change, with the motto "Changing the World One Book at a Time".

The award recognises international authors and titles that contribute to our society's awareness and well-being, and that embrace spiritual and ecological values.

Past Nautilus Book Award winners include:

- Deepak Chopra, *The Book of Secrets* (2005)
- Barbara Kingsolver, *Small Wonder* (2003)
- Jane Goodall, *The Chimpanzees I Love* (2001)

This distinction is the second for author C. George Muller whose first novel won the 2005 Richard Webster Popular Fiction Award.

Echoes in the Blue is a story of illegal whaling in the Southern Ocean, and one man's battle to stand up for what he knows is right – despite the consequences.

It has already received high praise from both scientific and literary reviewers – including from a Scientific Advisor to New Zealand's IWC Commissioner, who described it as, "Very well researched including some extremely insightful observations about the nature of international politicking in the ongoing fight to protect whales."

Author C. George Muller is a marine biologist who wrote the book to draw attention to "the illegal slaughter happening just out of sight over the horizon".

He has also set up the website www.cgeorgemuller.com to provide more information on illegal whaling, including an online petition, and is offering a portion of the proceeds from every book sold as a donation to save the whales.

More information on the Nautilus Book Award can be found at:

<http://www.independentpublisher.com/nautilus/>

<http://www.marilynmcguire.com/nautilus/2005-winners.html>

The final round of judging is currently underway, with the winners to be announced in conjunction with BookExpo America - the largest annual book trade fair in the United States, to be held in June this year at the Jacob Javits Center in New York.

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