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***Endangered Liaisons* is Award-winning Finalist in National Best Books 2008 Awards**

Riverside, CA, November 4, 2008 – Writer-photographer Don Shay’s *Endangered Liaisons*, (ISBN 9780615213453, Alarus Press, 2008), a vivid evocation in words and photographs of the African safari experience, has been selected as Award-Winning Finalist in the categories of Photography-Nature and Travel-Essay of the National Best Books 2008 Awards. Winners and finalists were announced by contest sponsor USABookNews.com, an online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses.

The awards cover print and audio books for titles published in 2008 and late 2007. Jeff Keen, President and CEO of USABookNews.com said this year’s contest yielded an unprecedented number of entries, which were then narrowed down to approximately 500 winners and finalists in more than 140 categories. A complete list of winners and finalists is available online at: <http://www.USABookNews.com>.

Endangered Liaisons features 238 of Shay’s striking wildlife photographs culled from the thousands he has taken during 14 trips to Africa over the past two decades. Accompanying the photos is a compelling narrative in which Shay examines the seductive allure of Africa, sharing fascinating insights into the signature beasts of the realm and some of the continent’s most popular safari destinations.

Endangered Liaisons is acclaimed by the Midwest Book Review as “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 Bergin says: “In *Endangered Liaisons*, Don Shay captures the true essence of being on safari. His personal narrative and stunning images exude a knowledge of and commitment for 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.”

For additional information on *Endangered Liaisons*, visit: <http://www.africagraphica.com>. *Endangered Liaisons* is available for purchase at that website, and at Amazon, or by calling toll free: 1-866-539-7428.

About the Author: Don Shay, who resides in Riverside, California, is the founder and publisher of *Cinefex*, a quarterly magazine on movie special effects that has enjoyed a worldwide readership for nearly 30 years. 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.