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A CRY FOR A HERO

It's a Bird... it's a Plane...

**Prophetic Terrorist Thriller by Jonathan Womack
Soars Into Bookstores**

“Jonathan Womack’s debut novel, ‘A Cry For A Hero,’ is an instant classic. ‘Superman’ meets ‘Ghost.’”

- DENNIS LATHAM, “THE BAD SEASON”

(BOSTON: July 17, 2006) – *America’s Cradle of Freedom is under attack. In our country’s darkest hour comes a hero like no other. Alive and dead.* Fiction’s first out-of-body superhero vs. terrorists novel, **A CRY FOR A HERO (Charles River Press)**, was penned before 9/11 by Boston-based author **Jonathan Womack**, who draws from his personal experimentation with astral travel to now deliver what many are calling a ‘prophetic terrorist thriller.’

Following years of making safe out-of-body returns to his ‘physical harbor,’ Womack decided it was time to share his experiences. It was this desire that led him to craft his tale, originally titled *Psi-Spy*, of which a majority was written prior to 9/11 (also Womack’s birthday, adding both intrigue and irony).

In the days following the 9/11 events, Womack had shelved his book indefinitely – as his “*what if*” premise took on a frightening reality. “Nevertheless, time heals the heart not only of individuals, but of nations,” says the author. With changes added to reference the war on terrorism, *A CRY FOR A HERO* was born: A fictional story of a small band of Colorado friends who discover terrorists in their own backyard. They answer the call to arms in the spirit of Lexington and Concord, as they put their lives on the line in defense of their country...

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After a terrifying encounter high in the Rocky Mountains, 29-year-old Jack Ramsey finds himself as a ghostly disembodied spirit. Test driving his new powers, he stumbles upon a terrorist's plot to destroy America's Cradle of Democracy. Transforming into the Superhero 'Ram,' Jack ignores the odds and uses his powers to stop them...

"'Ram' is the most unique and exciting character to come along since the golden days of Marvel and D.C.," says Womack. With the increasing popularity of superhero flicks, *A CRY FOR A HERO* is bound to make a leap from its pages onto the Hollywood gateway.

Womack continues an active lecture series where he candidly sheds light upon his fascinating life story – providing an experience audience members won't soon forget. He strives to raise awareness about this unconventional 'out-of-body' subject and has received hundreds of emails from those he has inspired. A natural born storyteller, Womack talks of growing up in Indiana, when at the tender age of eight he was scared to death by a terrifying encounter, and to survive, he had to *play dead*.

Recalls Womack, "This 'play dead' trance triggered my first out-of-body experience, when I discovered I could exist free and apart from my physical body via a second 'soul body.'"

Why is America falling in love with *A CRY FOR A HERO*?

- ***It introduces the character Ram, popular fiction's first out-of-body superhero.***
- ***It is an 'American Patriot vs. terrorists' tale in line with today's current events.***
- ***It combines the elements of fantasy superheroes, romance, and patriotism into an action thriller.***

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"This unique action/romance/fantasy story appeals to both male and female audiences," says Melanie Legare, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Charles River Press. "The book plays best with readers of traditional suspense novels as well as a large segment of comic book fans. In the first 15 months of test marketing, the highest praises have come from women, ages 18 to 55, and men, ages 18 to 45."

Womack comes from an entrepreneurial family of writers. He lives in the Boston area and is employed by Harvard University. He is currently at work on his second novel, *THE DOGMAN COMETH*. Additional information can be obtained via his website: www.acryforahero.com.

"Towering Terrorists Thrillers, Batman! The comic book superhero has come of age. After finishing the book, I am compelled to say that every once in awhile, a new talent comes along that has the potential for greatness. I feel that Jonathan Womack is one such talent. Mr. Womack has a gift for evoking feelings and painting pictures with words, creating a tale that carries the reader along with the hero. When Ram flies to the rescue, the reader flies along too -- Robin to his Batman. When Ram encounters the bad guys, the reader is there, sharing the chills, thrills and dangers. When Ram falls in love with Vonya, flames ignite! Womack has matured the comic book hero, and penned a novel adults will love."

Grade: A+ A. G. Wilds, Fantasy Novel Reviews

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