



"In here there are no strangers..."

Sisters Of The Road

...just friends we've never met."

For Immediate Release

Contact: Monica Beemer, Executive Director (503) 222.5694 x19;
Monica@sistersoftheroad.org; 133 NW Sixth Ave., Portland OR 97209; fax
503.222.3028; www.sistersoftheroad.org

SISTERS OF THE ROAD'S BOOK *VOICES FROM THE STREET* MULTIPLE AWARD NOMINEE

Portland, Oregon (May 27, 2008) –Sisters Of The Road's book *Voices' from the Street* by Jessica P. Morrell is one of six Silver Medal Winners for the 2008 Nautilus Book Awards in the category of Social Change/Activism/Peaceful Solutions. It has also been nominated for the Robert F. Kennedy book award, traditionally presented at the end of May, and the C. Wright Mills book award, which will be presented in July.

Nautilus Book Awards 2008 Gold Winners will be announced at midnight Thursday, May 29 on www.nautilusbookawards.com, and will appear in a showcase at the Book Expo America from May 30th - June 1st. Silver and Gold Winners are carefully selected in a unique three-tier judging process by a team of book reviewers, librarians, authors, editors, book store owners and leaders in the publishing industry.

The Robert F. Kennedy Book Award was founded in 1980 by the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial and has received international recognition as one of the most prestigious honors an author can achieve. Past winners include *Rachel and Her Children* by Jonathan Kozol and *Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit* by Al Gore. The RFK Memorial presents the award each year to a book which "most faithfully and forcefully reflects Robert Kennedy's purposes - his concern for the poor and the powerless, his struggle for honest and even-handed justice, his conviction that a decent society must assure all young people a fair chance, and his faith that a free democracy can act to remedy disparities of power and opportunity."

The C. Wright Mills Award was established by The Society for the Study of Social Problems in 1964 to honor the American sociologist best remembered for studying the structure of power in the U.S. in his book *The Power Elite*. The award is granted to one book annually; past winners include *In Search of Respect* by Philippe Bourgois, *Made in China: Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace* by Dr. Pun Ngai, and *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr.

ABOUT SISTERS OF THE ROAD: Founded in 1979, Sisters Of The Road uses non-violence to support community driven solutions to the calamities of homelessness and poverty. Sisters' cafe is open to everyone, serving low cost, hot, nutritious meals. Sisters also provides job training, support to parents and children, and innovative solutions to the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness through self and community advocacy.

###