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13-year-old Twins Write Award-Winning Novel in the Face of Adversity

Missile Rider Publishing, Fullerton announces the release of the award-winning novel, The Strand Prophecy, written by Brittany and Brianna Winner, 13. The novel can be found in Barnes and Nobles stores, nationwide, starting May 1st, 2008.

/24-7PressRelease/ - LOS ANGELES, CA, May 11, 2008 - Missile Rider Publishing today announced the nationwide release of the award-winning novel, The Strand Prophecy, written by twins, Brittany and Brianna Winner, 13, and their father Jeff Winner. Appropriately dubbing themselves JBB Winner (Jeff, Brittany and Brianna), the twins joined forces with their father to pen the exciting science-fiction adventure story even though, at first glance, the task seemed nearly impossible. Brittany and Brianna were born ten weeks early and, at three pounds, were not breathing and were forced to remain in NICU (neo natal intensive care) for a month. As they grew they continued to struggle with illness and many bouts of pneumonia. Brittany was diagnosed with diagraphia and both girls have been diagnosed with dyslexia. Though the girls faced illnesses that are often incapacitating for most writers, their amazing gift for storytelling was impossible to ignore.

"They had developed hundreds of characters by the age of three," Jeff Winner, father of the identical twins, explained. "Their vocabulary was way above that of most children their age. Brittany tested college level at age six." Today the girls are pursuing their storytelling talent with great passion creating a five-book series and releasing the first book of the series this month. Book two is currently in edit and scheduled to release at the end of 2008.

"This started off as a family project," explained Brianna, "but half way through it our dad said that we should consider publishing it. When it was done we won several prestigious awards. We still can't believe it!"

The list of awards includes the Benjamin Franklin Best Young Adult Fiction, Best First Book Fiction and Best First Book Young Adult Fiction along with the Independent Publisher Book Awards Gold Medal and countless online awards such as Linx and TopSpot.

"Our dad made us focus on our strengths, not our weaknesses," Brittany commented, "and it changed our lives forever."

The Strand Prophecy is currently on the accelerated readers list in 65,000 schools. In addition, the girls are touring schools with an assembly they call, "If You Can Dream It, You Can Write It." They also wrote an album of songs to accompany the book which launched on iTunes and Amazon.com on May , 2008.

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