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***TWICE IN A BLUE MOON* – a new title from BookLand Press.**

TORONTO, ONTARIO: BookLand Press is pleased to announce the December 2007 release of ***TWICE IN A BLUE MOON*** by award-winning novelist Marianne Paul.

When Aley Pierce writes, her words don't stay on the page but spill into reality. Or so her neighbours think, who see her words as evil. Tensions escalate into an organized campaign of book banning and book burning, until Aley herself doubts who she is and what she does.

A century and a half earlier, Elizabeth Barnes' talent for water dowsing unearths a body in her neighbour's field. Under growing accusations that she is a witch, Elizabeth is blamed for the drought that puts a stranglehold on the small farming community.

But water dowsing isn't Elizabeth's only talent – she is a clairvoyant. Does she see the future or create it? Even Elizabeth doesn't know. Beneath the unfolding of the blue moon, events resurface across time, and the lives of the two women interlink. Does Aley create Elizabeth, or is Elizabeth dreaming Aley?

"TWICE IN A BLUE MOON explores what it means to be talented, to move out into the imagination and to be pulled back to the real world," says Robert Morgan, Publisher of BookLand Press. "The book tells the passionate story of two extraordinary women: Aley Pierce, a fiercely independent writer with an uncanny affinity for water and a strong will to live life on her own terms, and Elizabeth Barnes, a water dowser and clairvoyant living in the same vicinity but a century and a half earlier. As the two lives unfold along strangely similar paths, the two women gradually come to know themselves, to accept and nourish their uniqueness and their talents, and to stand by their convictions despite severe obstacles and rejections. The author has woven two stories into an intriguing whole."

BookLand Press Inc. (www.booklandpress.com) is an independent publisher of a wide variety of quality literature. Our interests range from important contemporary poetry to mysteries to beautifully written fiction and non-fiction. BookLand Press strives to present books with topics that are relative to the needs of today's society. We believe books can be one of the most effective ways of sharing life-changing topics to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Marianne Paul (www.mariannepaul.com) lives in Kitchener, Ontario. Her novels include *Tending Memory* and *Twice in a Blue Moon* (BookLand Press, 2007) and *The Shunning* (Moonstone Press, 1994). Her fiction, non-fiction and poems have appeared in publications such as *Vox Feminarum*, *Cahoots*, *Canadian Author*, *Western People* and *The New Quarterly*. She is the recipient of the 2006 Canadian Aid Literary Award, the Okanagan Fiction Award and the Kitchener-Waterloo Arts Award for Writing.

Literacy is a cause about which Marianne is passionate. She is the author of *Literacy is a Family Affair* and *Let's Play Literacy*, as well as many other books and research projects that deal with the importance of reading. Marianne Paul is a member of The Writers' Union of Canada and the Canadian Authors Association. In 2005, Marianne served as Co-Chair of *CanWrite! The National Conference of the Canadian Authors Association*.

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