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Author of new book on Beslan tragedy meets with Sen. Barack Obama at Texas Book Festival



Lynn Milburn Lansford, author of *Beslan: Shattered Innocence*, discusses her book with Sen. Obama during its debut in Austin.

AUSTIN, TEXAS (October 31, 2006) – Lynn Milburn Lansford debuted her new book, *Beslan: Shattered Innocence*, at the Texas Book Festival, where attendees were able to meet with the author and get a first look at this powerful new work. The Festival, which featured over 200 authors and had approximately 40,000 people in attendance, is one of the premiere literary events in Texas, and attracts prominent authors from throughout the United States. During a book signing event on Saturday, October 28th, Ms. Lansford met with Sen Barack Obama, who was also signing his new book at a nearby booth. Ms. Lansford presented Sen Obama with a signed copy of her book, and the two discussed its themes.

“It was great to meet with Sen. Obama and outline the central themes of the book,” said Ms. Lansford. “He immediately identified with the intensely personal stories of the victims as well as the incredibly healing power of love.”

Beslan: Shattered Innocence recounts the history, trauma and personal stories of the 2004 terrorist attack that killed over 300 people in a school in Russia. For more information or to request a free review copy, please contact the author at LynnMLansford@aol.com or telephone 512-219-8728. *Beslan: Shattered Innocence* is available for sale online at Amazon.com, Borders.com, BookSurge.com, and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide.

About the Author

The executive director and founder of the non-profit aid organization Romanian Ties, Lynn Milburn Lansford has been working for over 15 years in international children’s relief programs. A recipient of several awards for her humanitarian efforts, she has also published numerous articles and is an award-winning photographer. A mother of seven and a grandmother of five, she lives with her husband in Austin, Texas.