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Take a Peek: Opening the Kimono Wins 2008 Royal Palm Literary Award

Saturday, November 15, 2008, the Florida Writers Association gathered to honor several outstanding writers from a variety of genres at the annual coveted *Royal Palm Literary Awards Ceremony*. “Opening the Kimono: A Woman’s Intimate Journey Through Life’s Biggest Challenges” by Sarasota-based author, Theresa Rose, won first place in the Memoir-Unpublished category. What did the judges say about this sassy yet spiritual memoir?

The judges unanimously rated “Opening the Kimono” outstanding in all criteria including presentation, narrative voice, flow of ideas, use of language, and overall impression. One judge said, “I liked the honesty of the writer. It is very revealing and I could identify with a lot of it, in fact most of what I read. I am very interested in all she has to say and in the authenticity of her voice. This is very well written – I want to read more!”

Since the competition, Rose self-published “Opening the Kimono” through her publishing firm, Serious Mojo Publications. In addition, New Leaf Distributing Company, the world’s largest wholesaler of spiritual and metaphysical products, recently accepted “Opening the Kimono” as one of its newest offerings.

“In ‘Opening the Kimono,’ I exposed many of my embarrassing inner demons so other women could see that they were not ‘the only ones,’” claims Rose. “Hopefully, readers will laugh a lot, shed some tears and ultimately appreciate how magnificent they truly are.”

Rose is a Reiki Master, intuitive healer, motivational speaker and freelance writer who educates, entertains and inspires people to heal themselves and become aware of their unlimited power. She conducts seminars and keynote speeches, manages her popular Web site of blogs, videos, and daily inspirational e-mails, and hosts a monthly women’s discussion group called Club Kimono. Rose has lived in Sarasota since 1998 with her husband Michael, and they have one seven-year-old daughter, Emma.

“Opening the Kimono” is available nationwide through independent bookstores, Amazon.com, and **TheresaRose.net**.

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