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Library to Host Mystery Author for Book Talk

RAPID CITY (July 1, 2008) – The Rapid City Public Library will host a presentation by author Susan Runholt at Rapid City Public Library North (located at 10 Van Buren St. within General Beadle Elementary School) on Friday, July 18 at 9:30 am. Susan will read from her book, "The Mystery of the Third Lucretia," and discuss her career as an author.

Susan writes mysteries for teens and young adults. For "The Mystery of the Third Lucretia," she was named runner-up for the Debut Dagger Award by the Crime Writers' Association of Great Britain. Her next mystery in the Kari and Lucas series, "Rescuing Seneca Crane," will be published by Viking Children's Books in summer 2009.

Though she now lives in Minnesota, Susan has a strong South Dakota connection. She is a graduate of the University of South Dakota, a former resident of Rapid City, and makes frequent visits here to see her mother and daughter.

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Author Susan Runholt - Biography:

Susan Runholt shares her teenage heroines' love of art and travel and commitment to feminism. Born in Cottonwood, Minnesota, Runholt spent much of her adolescence in Rapid City, where she attended Lincoln Elementary School (now home to Ninth and Tenth Grade academies), West Junior High (now West Middle School) and Rapid City High School (now Central High). She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of South Dakota.

After college, Runholt traveled extensively in Europe and lived in Amsterdam and Paris, working as a bank clerk and an au pair. She has also been a waitress, a maid, a motel desk clerk, a laundress, a caterer, and, eventually, director of programming for South Dakota Public Television. For the past two decades she has lived in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where she serves as a fundraising consultant for social service and arts organizations.

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Runholt makes frequent trips to Rapid City to visit her daughter, Annalisa, and her mother, Helen Runholt, both of whom are Rapid City residents.

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REVIEWS: <http://www.susanrunholt.com/press.html>

ISBN: 9780670062522

AUDIENCE: Girls 10+ and their parents

GENRE: Mystery and a fun romp!

TOPICS: Art, travel, writing, mother-daughter relationships, strong girls

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