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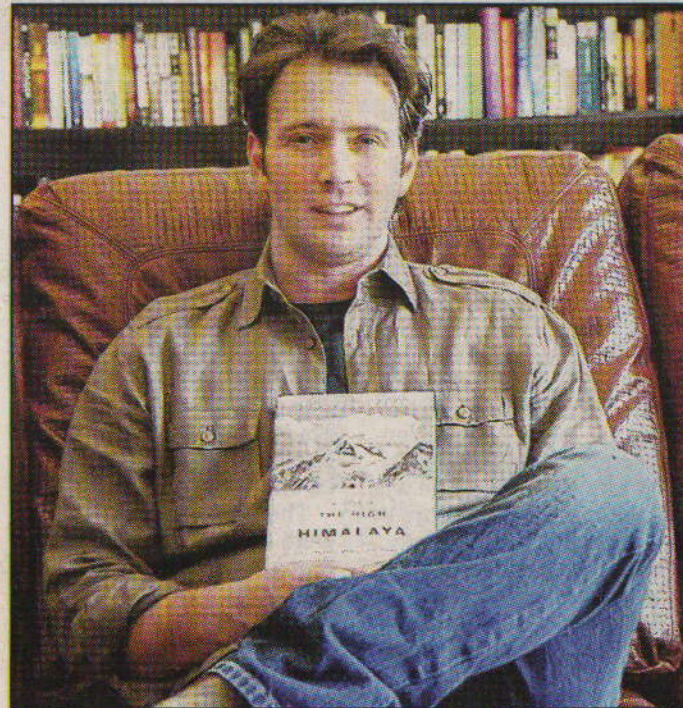


Photo by CORY WHITE

Jonathan Green's book, "Murder in the High Himalaya," has won a major journalistic award.

By CHRISTINE WHITE

LONGMEADOW – Investigative journalist Jonathan Green has added another honor to his growing list of awards.

Green accepted the Outstanding Non-Fiction Book Award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors Friday on April 29 in New York City.

Green was recognized for "Murder in the High Himalaya," published in 2010 by Public Affairs. It is the thrilling account of the murder of a Tibetan nun, at the hands of Chinese soldiers, as she attempted to cross the border from Tibet into Nepal, while a group of Western climbers looked on in horror. Green, a British citizen, spent three years investigating the incident.

The Daily Beast called Green's account of the murder "brilliantly told. Captivating,"

while Kirkus Reviews said, "In clear, concise prose the author deliberates over China's stranglehold on Tibet. Green's steely, factually dense analysis of this unlawful conspiracy sheds light on a perennial human-rights crisis."

"I'm very grateful," said Green of his latest award. "It's really great stuff and nice that people want to honor the book."

But it's not something he expected or went in search of.

"It's such an important story," he said. "It needed to get out. Places like Longmeadow (where he lives) are unlike 99 percent of the world. We need to tell the story of what actually happens in much of the rest of the world."

What he did expect was a backlash. But there hasn't been any.

Instead, the Western climbers who witnessed the murder,

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Young composer strikes a chord

By STAASI HEROPOULOS

LONGMEADOW – The music world may soon be taking note of a young composer who has written a song for his grandfather's band.

"It's a building piece that starts out intense and confused – then it gets resolved and flows into a much happier theme," explains the eighth-grader who is a student at Glenbrook Middle School.

Anthony is a tenor in his middle school chorus. He plays string bass in the school band and piano at home where his captive audience is truly captivated.

"It's phenomenal. I am just



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and did nothing about it, have written to thank him for writing the book, telling him that at the time of the murder, they didn't understand what they were seeing.

Green has also received more information from Tibetans, normally very wary of outsiders, detailing what has happened to their own loved ones on the high passes of the Himalayas.

Among the many journalists Green has won are a previous award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors, in 2007, for a magazine article about the gold rush in Ghana and the

deaths of local miners.

How does this year's award compare with that one?

"To win for a book is completely different than winning for an article," Green said. "It's achievement enough to have written a book. To win an award for it is a huge bonus."

Green said the book has been well received by critics and is doing well.

Both actor Richard Gere, a noted activist for the Tibetan cause, and the Dalai Lama have endorsed the book. It's due out in paperback this month with a new foreword by the Dalai Lama.

Green is currently in negotiations with director Jake Scott, son of director and producer Ridley Scott, about a

possible movie.

"I've met with Jake," Green said, "and found that he really understands the book. I knew I wanted to entrust it to someone who understood it and would tell it the way I told it. The whole point of the book was to put this story into the mainstream. I want the movie to do the same."

He went on, "We are conditioned to want Western heroes, but the heroes of this story are two young Tibetan women, the nun Kelsang and her friend Dolma."

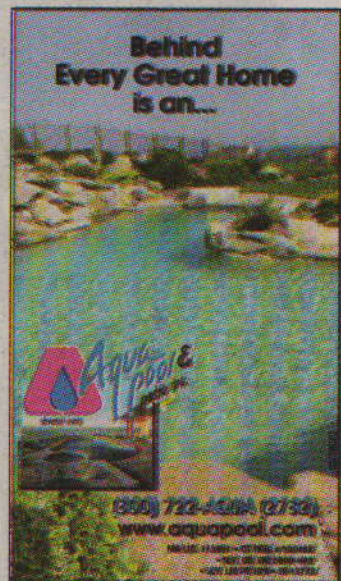
Since the book's publication, Green—who is married to Dr. Keisha Jones, a surgeon at Baystate Medical Center—has resumed writing magazine articles. Assignments have tak-

en him to Africa and Peru. But he's always on the lookout for his next book—another story, like the Tibetan murder, that grabs his heart as well as his mind.

For more information about the author and his work, visit www.jonathangreenonline.com

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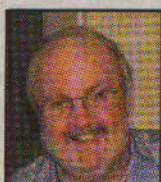
LONGMEADOW – William "Bill" Burrows was named Glenmeadow Volunteer of the Year at a luncheon held April 28 at Glenmeadow Retirement Community.

The luncheon, held annually, recognizes the contributions of all those who volunteer at Glenmeadow.

Burrows is well-known in the Greater Springfield area because, along with his wife Esther, he previously owned William Burrows Florist in Longmeadow.

For close to 30 years, Burrows was known for his creative arrangements and outstanding customer service.

At Glenmeadow, he is



William Burrows

known and respected by his peers for everything he does, from running the residents' store and playing Santa Claus for the holiday party to making flower arrangements and baking for fund-raisers. He is president of the Resident Council.

The Volunteer of the Year was selected from nominations received from volunteers and residents.

Tim Cotz, Glenmeadow president and chief executive officer, and Laura Lavoie, di-

rector of resident programs, looked through all the nominations and decided Burrows best exemplified the spirit of the Volunteer of the Year award.

"Bill has such a positive attitude and always wants to help where he can," said Lavoie. At the luncheon, every volunteer was recognized with a certificate and gift.



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