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Welcome to the second edition of Alison Goodman's official quarterly newsletter

James Tiptree Jr. Award and CBCA

EON/The Two Pearls of Wisdom has been listed as an Honour Book in the 2008 James Tiptree Jr Award!

The Tiptree is an annual award for science fiction or fantasy that expands or explores our understanding of gender. Check out the winner list (it was a tie this year) and the other Honour Books at www.tiptree.org

Also, the Children's Book Council of Australia has listed EON/The Two Pearls of Wisdom as a Notable Book.

There was a bit of controversy about this year's list because there are not many books with female protagonists on it. I am so pleased that Eona is one of the few gals who made a good showing!

Hola Spain, hi Canada, and nazdar Czech Republic!

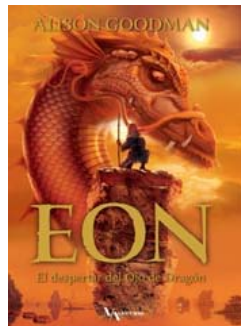
The Spanish language version of EON is now available! ViceVersa Editorial has designed a beautiful hard-back edition and created a magnificent Spanish language website at www.eonojodedragon.com

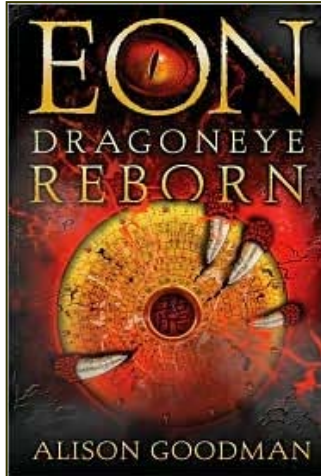
Check out the fantastic cover below and the photo of it displayed in Barcelona.

A Canadian edition has just been released too. I only sold the rights to Penguin Canada about a month ago,

so it must be the fastest turnaround of a book ever! They are also using the fabulous Sammy Yuen Jr. cover. With the addition of Canada, there are now 13 countries that are publishing EON/The Two Pearls of Wisdom.

Also, I've just received in the mail my author copies of the Czech Republic edition. It's got the Sammy cover too, and looks mighty fine. Check it out below.





Some USA State Awards

I'm thrilled to announce that *EON: Dragoneye Reborn* has been selected for the **North Carolina School Library Media Association Young Adult Book Award 2009-2010 Master List**.

This is North Carolina's choice award program for students in grades 6-12. Students read and vote for their favourite titles. Any North Carolina high school students out there? If you loved *EON* and would like to see it

win, remember to vote!

EON also made the **Pennsylvania School Library Associations Young Adult Top Forty (or so) reading list**.

This list is sponsored by the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association and lists the annual selection of the best books for young adults.

Hooray!

John Green, M.T. Anderson and Bernard Beckett at the Reading Matters Conference

I had the privilege to meet John Green, author of *Paper Towns*, M.T. Anderson, author of *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume 1: The Pox Party*, and Bernard Beckett author of *Genesis*, at the recent Reading Matters conference. We were all guests of the conference, which was held in Melbourne at the end of May.

John, Tobin and Bernard were fabulous – really funny, warm guys with tons of interesting ideas and views about writing.

If you are interested in hearing some of our sessions, the Centre for Youth Literature (who ran the conference) have made them available as podcasts at their on-line magazine www.insideadog.com.au

Below is a pic of me with, clockwise, Tobin on the floor (doing his "best glamour pose"), John, and Bernard in the green room after our session.

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read.

Groucho Marx



Upcoming Appearances

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Monday 10th August, 2009

VATE Middle Years Conference,
Sorrento.

This is a conference for Victorian teachers of English. I will be running a workshop and participating in a panel with Garry Disher and Prue Mason.

For more information visit the site at www.vate.org.au

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Thursday 20th August, 2009

“An Audience With” Alison Goodman, RMIT Alumni Event

5.30–6.30pm, RMIT Info Corner, cnr Swanston and LaTrobe Streets (Free event).

For more information: www.alumni.rmit.edu.au
or (03) 9925-3533



Sixth in the David Gemmell Legend Award

The Two Pearls of Wisdom was voted in at number six on the long list for the 2009 David Gemmell Legend Award for Fantasy! There were 77 books nominated and only 20 of those made the long list.

I'm absolutely thrilled *Two Pearls* was voted in to the top ten. My sincere thanks to everyone who voted. A great result!

Party, party!

You may recall that *EON* in its incarnation as *The Two Pearls of Wisdom* was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Award, Ethel Turner Prize. Alas, I didn't win, but I had a great time at the party! I got to meet Marieke Hardy (media commentator/radio personality), author Kate Forsyth, and to catch up

with my old friend Richard Harland, author of *Worldshaker*. Richard has also created over 40 pages of writing tips for genre writers so if you love to write, check it out at www.writingtips.com.au

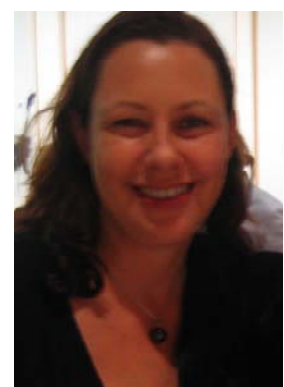
Some pics below – sorry about the fuzziness, I had my camera on the wrong setting for most of the night,



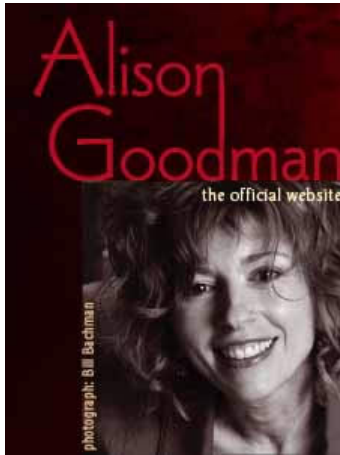
Alison and Marieke with matching red flowers



Alison and Richard Harland



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EON For Australia

Along with their beautiful adult edition of *The Two Pearls of Wisdom*, HarperCollins has decided to release a young adult edition in Australia. It will be published as *EON* with the

EONA Update

At the Reading Matters conference, Tobin Anderson paraphrased a quote that he thought came from the great author Vladimir Nabokov (although he wasn't sure). I thought it summed up the writing process well.

"The writer's job is to get the main character up a tree, and then once they are up there, throw rocks at them."

Next Newsletter...

Newsletter No. 3 will appear at the end of September with more news and views for your reading pleasure!

Sammy Yuen Jr. cover, but there will be absolutely no changes to the text. It is scheduled to be released this coming December (just in time for Christmas stockings!) and will be priced for the young adult market.

Well, Eona is well and truly up a tree and I am throwing rocks! Progress is very good.

The publication schedules have been shifting a bit, but it looks like EONA will be released mid to late 2010 in Australia and USA. No updates yet on other countries.