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Ivan Doig
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15 E. 26th Street
New York, NY 10010

Dear Mr. Doing:

Congratulations on your novel *The Whistling Season* being selected as one of the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) ten Alex Award winners of 2007!

The Alex Awards were created in 2002 in recognition of the fact that many teens enjoy, and often prefer books written for adults, and to assist librarians in recommending adult books that appeal to teens. The award is named in honor of the late Margaret Alexander Edwards, fondly called "Alex" by her closest friends, a young adult specialist at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. She used adult books extensively with young adults to broaden their experience and enrich their understanding of themselves and their world. To find out more about the award, please visit our Web site at (www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/alex) and feel free to link to the Alex page announcing the 2007 award from your MySpace page, Web site, or Blog.

We would be happy to work with you and/or your publisher to further promote your book in the following ways:

- Interview you for an article in either YALSA's online newsletter *YAttitudes* or our quarterly journal, *Young Adult Library Services*.
- Post a Podcast of the above-mentioned interview or you reading from your book on the YALSA Web site and Blog.
- Have you speak about your book at the Alex Award Program held Saturday, June 23rd from 4 to 5:30pm during the American Library Association's (ALA) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Participate in YALSA's YA Author Breakfast during ALA's Annual Conference on June 24th from 8-10am.
- Participate as a featured author at YALSA's Teen Read Week Kick-Off event to be held the week of October 14-20, 2007.

If you would like to participate in any of the above events, or for any questions about the award or YALSA, please call YALSA Program Officer Nichole Gilbert at 1(800) 545-2433 ext. 4387. You can also visit us on the Web at (www.ala.org/yalsa).

Again, congratulations! We look forward to collaborating with you throughout the year to promote you, your novel and the award.

Sincerely,

Beth Yoke, Executive Director

cc: Danielle Hassell, Harcourt Trade Publishers
Jack Lapides, Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust

The goal of the Young Adult Library Services Association is to advocate, promote, and strengthen service to young adults, ages twelve to eighteen, as part of the continuum of total library services, and to support those who provide service to this population.

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Dear Joan,

Many congratulations for receiving an Alex Award from YALSA/ALA for "The Whistling Station". Best wishes on your future endeavors!

Cheers,

Louise Roy

President-Elect,

American Library Association

President-Elect,

ALA-APA, Allied Professional Association