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"Searching the Noonday Trail" Receives International Recognition

"*Searching the Noonday Trail*", the 4th book in the *Gun Lake Adventure Series*, written by Johnnie Tuitel of Grand Rapids, MI, and Sharon Lamson of Norton Shores, MI, was recently selected by the IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) **Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People**, for special recognition. The notification of the selection came from IBBY Documentation Center Director, Heidi Cortner Boiesen.

"I was delighted to read Johnnie Tuitel's (and Sharon Lamson's) books and am pleased to let you know that Book 4 (*Searching the Noonday Trail*) will be submitted in our catalogue 'Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities,'" wrote Heidi Boiesen. The books will be exhibited at the upcoming Bologna Children's Book Fair in April. (www.bolongafiere.it)

The IBBY Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People (www.ibby.org) was established in 1985 at the Norwegian Institute for Special Education at the University of Oslo. It remained at this location until the summer of 2002 when Heidi Boiesen took over and it moved to the Haug Municipal Resource Centre for Young People with Disabilities in Baerum, just outside Oslo. The Centre offers information, consultation and documentation services for organizations, research workers, teachers, students, librarians, publishers, authors, illustrators, policy makers and the media who work with young people with special needs.

Searching the Noonday Trail is the 4th book in the 6-book *Gun Lake Adventure Series* for young people published by Cedar Tree Publishing in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The series is unique in that the hero of the story is a boy in a wheelchair. The 6th book in the series, *The Light in Bradford Manor*, was published in October of 2004

IBBY was founded in Zurich, Switzerland in 1953. Today, it is composed of more than sixty National Sections all over the world. IBBY's mission is to promote international understanding through children's books to give children everywhere the opportunity to have access to books with high literary and artistic standards. Every other year IBBY presents the Hans Christian Andersen Awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature. The US organization under IBBY is USBBY. (<http://www.usbby.org>)

For more information about The Gun Lake Adventure Series, or to arrange an author visit, please contact Tap Shoe Productions/Cedar Tree Publishing at 888-302-7463.