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**WHERE DID WE COME FROM?
New Novel Offers Unique Answer to This Ultimate Question**

Peaster, TX, February 9, 2004 - Humanity has been trying to explain our origins since the dawn of primitive tribal civilizations. Author Lisa A. Shiel delved into the theories of human evolution, the postulates of alternative histories, the mythology surrounding Bigfoot, and the evidence of Egyptian archaeology. In her new 466-page novel, *The Hunt for Bigfoot*, Shiel leads the reader to a plausible new theory of alternative history through a multilayered mystery enriched with murder, intrigue, romance, and extraterrestrial visitors.

Did the gods descend from the heavens to seed the Earth as so many ancient myths describe? Did we evolve from the lower primates as Darwinism suggests? Was the entire world and all its life created in one cosmic act of creation by a single deity? Or is there another possibility?

As researchers learn more about the world around us, the incredible diversity of life, and the evidence for truly ancient human civilizations, they must stretch current theories beyond the limits of reasonableness. And yet, mainstream science clings tenaciously to the same questionable beliefs that have long stymied new research and been used to ridicule those who dare to dispute them.

Shiel applies a strong narrative voice in her fiction to propose new theories more thoroughly and convincingly than dry compilations of academic facts, field research notes, and scientific treatises. The story begins with viable theories and demonstrable evidence before extrapolating into the realm of the unproven, and unprovable. Author Shiel has applied the careful, structured research techniques learned while earning a master's degree in library science to uncover potential connections among seemingly unrelated ideas.

“Since the dawn of civilization, humans have recorded – in myths and artwork – their encounters with visitors from the heavens,” says Shiel. “The stories are amazingly consistent – celestial beings, riding ‘flying chariots’ and ‘sun ships,’ who use powerful weapons.”

Researchers like Erich von Daniken, Graham Hancock, and Loren Coleman have proposed theories about ancient cosmic visitors to Earth, the destruction of Atlantis, human evolution, and Bigfoot sightings. In *The Hunt for Bigfoot*, Shiel addresses the oldest questions still plaguing humanity – where did we come from and who are our real ancestors?

“What if modern humans didn’t evolve from humanlike apes, such as archaic Homo sapiens,” Shiel suggests, “but are the result of an interstellar experiment. If so, what became of the real Homo sapiens?”

In *The Hunt for Bigfoot*, website designer and would-be anthropologist Katy Gallagher and historian Charlie Bergren scour the Earth for evidence that current evolutionary theories are flawed. Their quest turns dangerous when Katy is threatened and Charlie vanishes. Katy joins forces with Charlie’s son, amateur Egyptologist Rick Bergren, to find Charlie. Plunging into the depths of Michigan’s north woods, they tumble into a double edged mystery – a hidden Bigfoot society protected by an ancient race with highly advanced technology who will stop at nothing to keep their secrets and a mysterious billionaire willing, for his own reasons, to kill to preserve the Bigfoot legend. To stay alive, Katy and Rick must unravel an enigma half a billion years in the weaving. They must find the creatures science says cannot exist.

The Hunt for Bigfoot (ISBN 0-9746553-0-9) is the first in the Human Origins Series published by Slipdown Mountain Publications, to be followed soon by the sequel: *Lord of the Dead*.

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Slipdown Mountain Publications began operations in August 2003 near Slipdown Mountain, the highest point in Parker County, Texas. *The Hunt for Bigfoot* represents the publisher’s first novel, with several more scheduled for release in 2004. Slipdown Mountain Publications also distributes the successful aviation history book *Cessna Warbirds* by Walt Shiel.

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