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UP AUTHOR'S BOOK IS FINALIST FOR NATIONAL BOOK AWARD
***Backyard Bigfoot* by Lisa A. Shiel declared finalist in Popular Culture category**

LAKE LINDEN, Mich. (February 23, 2007) – On February 21st, *Foreword Magazine* announced that Slipdown Mountain Publications LLC's book *Backyard Bigfoot: The True Story of Stick Signs, UFOs, & the Sasquatch* by Lisa A. Shiel has been selected as a finalist in the 2006 Book of the Year Awards in the Popular Culture category. First, second, and third place and Editor's Choice awards will be announced on June 3rd at the nation's largest book show, Book Expo America in New York City.

This award represents the culmination of many years of work by author and Bigfoot researcher Lisa Shiel, who has a master's degree in Library Science plus in-depth research in the fields of anthropology, archaeology, ancient human history, and Bigfoot and UFO sightings around the world and throughout history. She is also the Chief Investigator for the Michigan chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. She then combined this research, her own theories, and her personal experiences with Bigfoot footprints, likely stick signs, and unexplained horse mane braidings into her *Backyard Bigfoot* book.

Notified of the award, Shiel said, "It's an honor to be a finalist in this prestigious national contest, particularly since it is rare for a book about the controversial topics of Bigfoot and UFOs to receive this kind of recognition."

Based on requests for a more durable book for personal reference and library collections, Slipdown Mountain released a hardcover edition last fall to complement the popular paperback version. Shiel is currently working on a Bigfoot field guide, planned for release later this year, to assist those wishing to conduct their own research.

Reviewers of *Backyard Bigfoot* have praised it, saying "[it] is as informative as it is entertaining" (*Midwest Book Review*), "[it is] one of the best types of investigative reporting I've seen" (*Reader Views*), and "you may agree or not with her conclusions but you will be entertained by the discussions" (*The Mining Journal*, Marquette).

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