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Prairie girl's globe-trotting first novel to benefit World Vision

July 2008 — A portion of proceeds from the sale of Janita Van de Velde's first book *Postcards Never Written* will be donated to World Vision. "While travelling and meeting people who have no material possessions to speak of" says Van de Velde, "I've become convinced that we've been given more than we'll ever need in this lifetime. The line up of people willing to help should always be longer than the line up of those in need." So far through book sales, Van de Velde has donated \$2,000.00 to World Vision.

Postcards Never Written is a witty and hilarious account of a globe-trotting adventure. The heroine embarks on a journey across the continents with her boyfriend, who might just be the *one* – especially if their relationship can survive the trip. Travelling together can't be that hard, can it? She experiences moments of extreme clarity while baiting great white sharks in the Indian Ocean, getting tossed from a bridge high over the Zambezi River and hurling herself from a plane in New Zealand. Her adventures are riddled with bouts of imagined malaria and real spells of gastro-intestinal difficulties.

She chronicles her entertaining stories with no excuses or apologies, until she sends the sanitized postcards home to her parents. After all, why worry them?

Janita and her husband Roddy embarked on a similar journey in 2001. "I was inspired to write this book for several reasons," says Van de Velde. "I wanted to give readers something to laugh about, because we could all use a little more humour in our lives. I also find it funny that no matter how old we get, we still attempt to hide the whole truth from our parents. It took me a while to realize that my parents know me better than anyone else on this planet." Although the book is a work of fiction, it's loosely based on their adventures. She's not telling which stories are real and which ones are complete fabrications. She'll leave that up to your imagination!

Janita Van de Velde grew up on a farm near Mariapolis, Manitoba. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from the University of Manitoba and has worked for a financial institution since graduating. She lives in Regina, Saskatchewan with her husband Roddy and their son Jack. *Postcards Never Written* is her first novel.

Postcards Never Written is available at the Book and Brier Patch in Regina, The Oak & Rose Book Shoppe in Moose Jaw, Candlewood Books in Brandon and in McNally Robinson stores in Saskatoon and Winnipeg. You can also order a copy online at www.janita.ca

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