

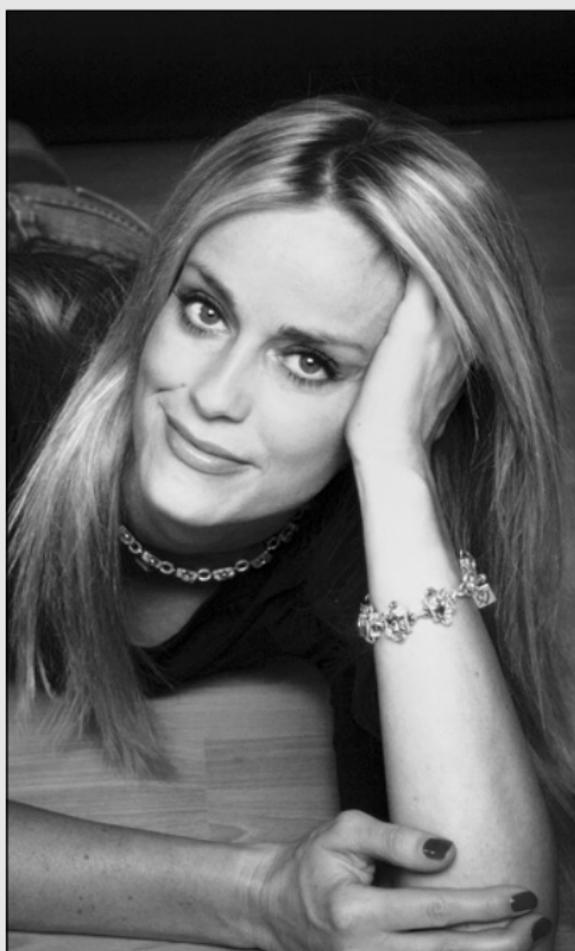
Van de Velde Wins Reader's Choice Award at 2008 Saskatchewan Book Awards

Janita Van de Velde was announced as the 2008 Reader's Choice Award winner at the Saskatchewan Book Awards Gala held recently in Regina. A city councillor representing the Regina Public Library announced that the novel "Postcards Never Written" had won in the category. The public bestows the honour by voting online and at libraries across Saskatchewan.

"People keep telling me how much they love the book," says Janita Van de Velde, the author. "My goal was to make people laugh-out-loud and I'm thrilled I've accomplished my mission! To hear that people enjoyed my book enough to take the time to vote for it just makes my day! My heart is filled with warmth and gratitude."

The recognition and increased promotion for her book is very good news to Van de Velde, who donates a portion of all proceeds to World Vision. To this point, through book sales, Van de Velde has donated over \$4000.00 to World Vision.

"Postcards Never Written" is a witty and often 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



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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. 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. 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 is the daughter of Jack and Elsie Van de Velde of Mariapolis.