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### CHRISTMAS'S LATEST BOOK DESTINED FOR THE BIG SCREEN

#### ***What the Psychic Told the Pilgrim* optioned for feature film development**

**VANCOUVER, BC. 15 FEBRUARY 2008.** *What the Psychic Told the Pilgrim: A Midlife Misadventure on Spain's Camino de Santiago de Compostela*, by Jane Christmas, has been optioned for feature film development by producer Pierre Sarrazin of Sarrazin Couture Entertainment.

Published in the Fall 2007 by Greystone Books, *What the Psychic Told the Pilgrim* is a travel memoir with spirit and spunk. Rob Sanders, publisher of Greystone Books, says "this traveller's tale delighted us all when the manuscript first came in, and it's been fun working with the very talented Jane Christmas right from that moment. So it didn't surprise us too much when one reviewer compared her writing with that of Nora Ephron and Bill Bryson."

Humanitas and Gemini Award-winning screenwriter Suzette Couture will write the adaptation. Couture says, "Jane Christmas's *What the Psychic Told the Pilgrim* is a terrific story. It's a comedy with heart and with edge. It's a road movie without wheels, about the need to escape and to change your life, and the crazy things people will do to get there. Can we change? Can we become the person we think we should be? What this incredible adventure finally shows is that the end will justify the journey."

**Sarrazin Couture Entertainment** is a unique partnership of outstanding creative talent and production expertise with a reputation for producing quality programming for Canadian and international markets. Sarrazin Couture's first feature, *La Florida*, won the Golden Reel Award as Canada's highest grossing feature film, and the company's latest movie, *Doomstown*, won three 2007 Gemini Awards, including best TV movie.

**Greystone Books** has been publishing high-quality non-fiction since 1993 and its books have been nominated for, and won, many Canadian and international awards. Greystone Books is based in Vancouver and is an imprint of Douglas & McIntyre Ltd.. Greystone Books was represented in the negotiation by Sarah Cooper of The Saint Agency.

**Jane Christmas** worked as a newspaper editor for twenty-five years and has written for the *Hamilton Spectator*, the *Globe and Mail*, and the *National Post*. She is the author of *The Pelee Project: One Woman's Escape from Urban Madness*. She is currently working on her next book, a hilarious and heartfelt romp across the Italian countryside with her aging mother and an ever-present walker.

For more information on *What the Psychic Told the Pilgrim* please visit our website at [www.greystonebooks.com](http://www.greystonebooks.com), or click on this link: <http://www.greystonebooks.com/book/9781553652403>

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