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Peter Zuckerman and Amanda Padoan Honored with 2012 George Orwell Award

Urbana, IL – October 11, 2012 – Peter Zuckerman of Portland, Oregon, and Amanda Padoan of Barcelona, Spain, have been named the winners of the 2012 George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language for *Buried in the Sky: The Extraordinary Story of the Sherpa Climbers on K2's Deadliest Day*.

The Orwell award was established in 1975 by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), this award recognizes an author, editor, or producer who has made outstanding contributions to the honesty and clarity in public language through critical analysis of public discourse.

Peter Zuckerman's writing has won the Livingston Award and the National Journalism Award, two of the most prestigious awards in American journalism. His cousin, Amanda Padoan, a mountaineer and alpine historian, was friends with one of the high-altitude workers who died in the disaster recounted in the book. For more information or to read an excerpt from the book, go to: <http://buriedinthesky.com>.

Mr. Zuckerman goes on to say, "I wrote *Buried in the Sky* hoping it would do more than inspire and entertain. I hoped it would make a small contribution to the way we tell stories and help us more deeply appreciate the sherpas in our lives. It's an honor to accept this award."

The authors will be announced as the recipient of the George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language at the Sunday General Session on November 18, during the 2012 NCTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For more information about the NCTE George Orwell Award, including past winners, see <http://www.ncte.org/volunteer/groups/publiclangcom/orwellaward>.

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