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***Cryptid* to be re-released by iUniverse**

July 28th, 2006 — iUniverse, Inc., the publisher of *Cryptid: The Lost Legacy of Lewis & Clark*, is re-releasing the book as part of their Star imprint. The Star imprint is reserved for those titles the publisher believes have a strong market potential and meet the highest editorial standards. For these titles only, iUniverse offers deeper discounts for the trade paperback editions as well as makes them fully returnable.

Readers will note this second edition has a newly designed interior and includes new review blurbs on the cover and in the book's front matter. Aside from a few other minor changes this new edition will stay true to the original.

The Star edition of *Cryptid* is scheduled to be available through online and traditional retailers by early August 2006.

***Cryptid* Synopsis** Call it legend, call it history, *Cryptid* tells the riveting story of conspiracy theorists who have new evidence of a centuries-old cover-up. When a cryptozoologist, a paleontologist, and a descendant of Jefferson begin connecting the dots, they threaten to do more than unveil the well-guarded scientific discovery that lies at the heart of the ancient secret; they threaten to rewrite American history. That is, if they can survive a conspiracy that dates back to the Founding Fathers—the very same one that haunted Lewis to his grave. It may be that one of our nation's first secrets is still being kept.

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Cryptid is available online and through most booksellers such as Barnes & Noble, Borders, and local independents. Published July 2006 by iUniverse, Inc. ISBN 0595677304. Price: \$28.95. Also available in trade paperback and e-book editions.

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