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"VIRTUAL TERROR" Becomes Real Life "TOUR-ER"

January 17, 2001, New York. In February, 2001, Dr. Jeri Fink, author and family therapist, begins a national book tour for *Virtual Terror*, a psychological thriller, published by psychEpublishing, LLC, that combines dizzying psychological twists, deadly surreal sexual fantasies and inescapable madness in the uncharted frontier of online therapy.

Dr. Fink's tour will take her to the Northeast, South, the desert West, and far North of the United States. She will escort her book to environmental extremes, traveling from the tropics of the south to the arctic in the north, the desert in the west, and ultimately, the urban jungle of the northeast. The trip, like *Virtual Terror*, demonstrates how geographical boundaries are no longer obstacles in the exciting, but potentially terrifying zone between cyberspace and flesh-and-blood.

In Alaska, she will appear as a speaker at *Death Below Zero*, a mystery writer's conference hosted by the Alaska chapter of Sisters In Crime, a national organization of authors, booksellers, editors, agents, librarians, critics, teachers and readers, whose primary purpose is advocacy through communication. At the close of the conference, Dr. Fink will participate in "Authors2Bush," a program designed to send authors from the conference to remote bush towns in Alaska where they will talk about the art, craft, and business of writing in various community workshops and settings.

Her destination is Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost habitation in the United States settled in 500 AD by the Inupiat people. Barrow is well within the Arctic Circle in a climate with minimum winter averages of minus 24 degrees F. and wind chill factors that roar as low as 50-60 degrees below zero. The sun does not rise from mid-November through January and will not set from August through early November. Barrow is a fascinating combination of ancient traditions and state-of-the-art technology, where residents still practice subsistence whaling and local police use cell phones to report polar bears that have wandered into town.

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Dr. Fink will be working with children in the North Slope Borough School District – an area roughly the size of Minnesota -- bordered by the foothills of the Brooks Range to the south and the Arctic Ocean to the north. East of town lie the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay where exploration and production of oil is a multi-million dollar enterprise. -- AND the hotly-debated 19.3 million acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Starting from her home in New York, Dr. Fink will visit several cities in Florida, hop a plane to visit bookstores in Arizona and then jet up to Anchorage and the conference. The trip serves as a metaphor for the far-flung voyages possible in cyberspace, so graphically described in *Virtual Terror*.

Reviewer Michael Freeny writes, *"This book is written with rich context and provides almost a subliminal education about information technology that clinicians will enjoy. There's a good amount of sex, actual and virtual. I should warn the reader that Dr. Fink takes you to some very dark places. There are some intense descriptions of the stalker's personal hell that might cause some squirming. Fink uses her clinical insight and techno-savvy to demonstrate the power and community of cyberspace. If you're scratching your head trying to figure out what all the excitement is about with online chatting and cyber-sexual affairs, you'll get a quick education from this story."*

Dr. Fink ends her book with a non-fiction supplement, "A Guide to Online Therapy," which professionals and consumers alike will find eminently practical.

Virtual Terror, the first publication of **psycheEPublishing.**, an electronic publishing company specializing in fiction and non-fiction of interest to the educational and mental health communities, is available online in either downloadable or print-on-demand format through the company's website at www.psychepublishing.com.

Uniquely qualified both as therapist and computer devotee, Dr. Fink believes that she has written the first published book dealing with the confusion of perils and preferences inherent in online therapy. And now, her readers from New York, to Florida, to Arizona to Alaska, will learn about these first hand.

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