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An American Mother Preserves the Voices of Beslan Terrorism Victims

In *Beslan: Shattered Innocence*, relief worker Lynn Milburn Lansford chronicles her heart-wrenching journey to help the victims of Beslan and collect their stories

AUSTIN, TEXAS – In her new book, *Beslan: Shattered Innocence*, author and relief worker, Lynn Milburn Lansford details the history, trauma and personal stories of the 2004 terrorist attack that killed over 300 people in a school in Russia.

In the siege at Beslan, Chechen rebels, seeking Chechnya's independence from Russia, took an entire school hostage. What ensued was more devastating than anyone could imagine. Relief worker Lynn Milburn Lansford's stunning account, *Beslan: Shattered Innocence*, contains stories of hope, heroics, and acts of survival. A 4th grade teacher tells of the terrible explosions and the courage of the children. A 12-year-old boy tells how he now wants to be a lawyer so he can help everyone live honest lives. Still other voices rail against the Russian government, whose unnecessary use of tanks and heavy weaponry caused many more casualties.

Lansford's accounts of aiding a shattered people and giving "happiness parties" for the children are heart-wrenching. She also explores the aftermath of the event, including the frustrating Russian trial and life in Beslan today. Stunning and important, *Beslan: Shattered Innocence* is a monument to a dark moment in history and a call for hope.

For more information or to request a free review copy, please contact the author at LynnMLansford@aol.com or telephone 512-219-8728. *Beslan: Shattered Innocence* is available for sale online at Amazon.com, Borders.com, BookSurge.com, and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide.

About the Author

The executive director and founder of the non-profit aid organization Romanian Ties, Lynn Milburn Lansford has been working for over 15 years in international children's relief programs. A recipient of numerous awards for her humanitarian efforts, she has also published numerous articles and is an award-winning photographer. A mother of seven and a grandmother of five, she lives with her husband in Austin, Texas.