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**CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR WINS FOURTH AWARD FOR
JONATHAN'S JOURNEY TO MOUNT MIAPU**

Recent Florida Publisher's Association Award Joins Additional Awards including Mom's Choice Gold Award and COVR Visionary Award Book of the Year

Florida (December 2009) Author Ellen Wolfson Valladares was recently awarded the Florida Publisher's Association President's Silver Award for her children's book *Jonathan's Journey to Mount Miapu*, a novel for 8-12 year olds that tackles difficult subjects through adventure, enchantment, and bravely facing one's fears.

The latest award is further recognition of Valladares' book's wide appeal. In 2009, *Jonathan's Journey to Mount Miapu* received the coveted Mom's Choice Gold Award for Children's Fiction, the COVR Visionary Award Book of the Year, as well as the Winner for Children's Fiction. The book was also a finalist for *Foreward Magazine's* Book of the Year Awards.

"I am thrilled that my book has been recognized by these wonderful associations," states Valladares. "Writing and publishing Jonathan's adventure was a reward in itself, so these awards are even more appreciated."

Jonathan's Journey to Mount Miapu has all the hallmarks of a classic children's book. Filled with fairy tale imagery by artist Maureen Burdock, this magical tale chronicles the self-discovery of a fearful boy who finds courage, confidence and power once he is given a special mission and the gifts to achieve it. Readers follow Jonathan as he gets lost on the strange Mount Miapu, a mysterious Eden-like place where people accomplish miracles and read each other's minds. Wanting only to return home, he soon discovers he alone can save Mount Miapu from the Great Shadow that is threatening to engulf it in permanent darkness. Jonathan's journey is exciting, imaginative, and ultimately inspiring.

Ellen Wolfson Valladares is a writer, spiritual teacher and community volunteer. A native Floridian, she currently resides in Weston, Florida with her husband and two sons. *Jonathan's Journey to Mount Miapu* is her first novel. Please visit her website for more information: www.childrenofthelight.net

Jonathan's Journey to Mount Miapu is available in bookstores, Amazon, Barnes & Noble online and at www.childrenofthelight.net.

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