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## Author Sneed B. Collard III: Friend of Animals and the Environment

**Atlanta**-Author Sneed B. Collard III has been selected to receive both the 2007 Green Earth Book Award and the 2006 ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award for his young adult novel **FLASH POINT** (Peachtree Publishers 2006).

The Green Earth Book Award promotes books that inspire a child to grow a deeper appreciation, respect and responsibility for his or her natural environment (<http://www.salisbury.edu/newsevents/fullstoryview.asp?id=3250>). Started in 2005 by the Newton Marasco Foundation in partnership with Salisbury University in Maryland, the award focuses on books that best raise awareness of the beauty of our natural world and the responsibility that we have to protect it.

**FLASH POINT** was also selected as an Honor Winner for the 2006 ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Henry Bergh Children's Book Award in the Young Adult category ([http://www.aspca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press\\_041707\\_3](http://www.aspca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press_041707_3)). The award will be presented at the American Library Association annual conference in Washington DC on June 25. Sneed won this award last year in the companion animals category for his book **DOG SENSE**, which also won the 2005 Dog Writers Association of America Writing Competition in the children's book category.

**FLASH POINT** is a novel about a teenage boy in Montana who struggles to resolve conflicts within himself and his community as wildfires threaten his home, his stepfather's livelihood and the raptors he has come to love. He is always accompanied by his dog, Roadkill. Collard provides a balanced look at the very real problem of managing forest fires by illustrating the difficulties of balancing competing environmental and economic interests. For more information on **FLASH POINT**, visit <http://peachtree-online.com/product/2593.aspx>.

Collard is the author of more than 40 award-winning books for children, including many nature titles that reflect his education as a biologist. His awards include the *Washington Post* Children's Book Guild 2006 Children's Nonfiction Writer of the Year Award for his body of work and the 2006 AAAS / Subaru/*Science Books & Films* Prize for Excellence in Science Books. When he is not writing, he can often be found speaking to students, conducting teacher workshops and walking in Montana with his Frisbee-catching Border collie, Mattie. For more information, visit <http://www.author-illustr-source.com/sneedbcollard.htm>.

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