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CALIFORNIA AUTHOR MAKES FIRST SALE

November 14, 2007 (Berkeley, CA) When JoAnn Smith Ainsworth carried wood so her Great Aunt Martha could stoke up the iron stove to prepare dinner, the pre-teen wasn't thinking, "I could use this in a novel someday." Yet almost 60 years later, the skills she learned from her horse-and-buggy ancestors translate into a backdrop for her historical romance novels.

Samhain Publishing, Ltd. bought *OUT OF THE DARK*, a medieval romance with a touch of paranormal and a lot of suspense. It will be e-pub released Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Author of novels relating that courage makes ordinary people extraordinary

OUT OF THE DARK is set in the king's London residence in 1120 A.D. A blind Anglo-Saxon gentlewoman fears retribution when she accidentally overhears a conspiracy being plotted. She turns to the battle-hardened Norman Sheriff for protection. The fiercely loyal sheriff is torn between his heart and family loyalty when he falls in love with this Saxon beauty while rooting out corruption that may implicate his half brother.

Ainsworth completed four historical romances (2 medieval and 2 western) before selling and is currently writing a paranormal suspense.

She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, with a Masters from Fairleigh Dickinson University and M.B.A. studies from Pepperdine University. She likes to walk, swim and read. She lives in Northern California with her son, Dennis.

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