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Sept. 25, 2007 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Enjoy the work of Jane Austen's almost famous namesake June Austin, for not nine days, but in forty nine book shops across the UK. With a new and updated edition launched in May of this year, June's book Genesis of Man is celebrated in one of this years biggest (both cyber and real time) literary festivals.

Highlights include reviews in Self Publishing, Nexus and Paradigm Shift magazines as well as features on Grumpy Old Bookman (voted in 2005 by the Guardian newspaper as one of the UK's top literary blog sites), Gateway to the Soul e-zine and Wrinkly Writers. These are accompanied by interviews with Ben Ruddy, co-founder of the Nothing Binding project, and Phil Harris, host of All That Matters on Internet Voices Radio, New York.

Author June Austin lives in Box Hill, Surrey, site of the famous picnic scene in Jane Austen's Emma. She began to write her book, Genesis of Man in 2001, and started to approach agents and publishers one year later. However, they all turned her work down, stating that it was not commercially viable. Unperturbed by this minor impediment, June decided to self publish, via print on demand. She had such pride in her work that she did not let the prejudice of the publishing industry, which can be notoriously hostile towards such books get her down. She saw through the hype of the so-called vanity press and had the sense and sensibility to sign with Richard Fitt of Authors OnLine Ltd. Mustering all her powers of persuasion she then began to call book shops up and down the country, from Mansfield to Park Lane, Sheffield.

For further details see June's almost famous website at www.juneaustin.co.uk

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