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Bestselling Author Meg Cabot Tours HONG KONG, SINGAPORE and THAILAND October 2008

In **October 2008**, **Meg Cabot** is going to surprise her fans in Asia with her seven-day tour in **Hong Kong** (Oct 4-5), **Singapore** (Oct 6-7) and **Bangkok** (Oct 8-10). This is the first time Meg Cabot touring Asia.

Meg Cabot has written and published over fifty books, and is best known for the phenomenally successful **Princess Diaries** series which is currently published in over 38 countries. Two Walt Disney films based on the series have been massively popular through the world. Meg Cabot has more than fifteen million copies of her books — children's, young adult, and adult — in print worldwide the books have topped the US and UK bestseller lists for weeks and won several awards.

Meg Cabot is also the author of the bestselling *All American Girl*, *All American Girl: Ready or Not*, *How to be Popular*, *Jinx*, *Teen Idol*, *Avalon High*, *The Mediator* series. Meg is now writing a new middle grade series called *Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls*, as well as an edgy new young adult series, *Airhead*. Meg Cabot also writes novels for adults including *The Guy Next Door*, *Boy Meets Girl*, *Every Boy's Got One*, the *Queen of Babble* series as well as the Heather Wells mystery series which includes *Size 12 Is Not Fat*, *Size 14 Is Not Fat Either* and *Size Doesn't Matter*.

Meg Cabot is one of the shortlisted authors for the **Queen of Teen Award** 2008. The winner will be announced at the super-glamorous coronation ceremony on Monday September 29th 2008 in London.

Meg Cabot currently divides her time between Key West, Florida and New York City with her husband and their one-eyed cat named Henrietta.

All media are cordially invited to meet Meg Cabot. Media are also welcome to cover some event(s) held in Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok.

What some of the readers say about Meg Cabot's *The Princess Diaries* series

"Fantastic! Everything you need to know about being a princess!" *Emma*

"I love your work, Meg. Never ever stop writing. Girls all over the world will be deprived of one of the all-time best authors!!" *Steph*

"These books are totally brilliant! I've read every one in the series at least four times!" *Alix*

"I have read all these books and Meg Cabot is so totally my fave author. I'd definitely give her more than five stars. I love the way her books relate to you in some ways and in others make you laugh out loud!" *Naomi*

"It's such an excellent book – it's funny, interesting and heartfelt. It always cheers me up and when I start reading I can't stop." *Priya*

"Meg, YOU ROCK! The PD series was really good and it shows how life is when you're a teenager (LIKE ME!!). Except of course I'm not a princess. xoxoxo" *Elana*

Notes to Editors

- Meg Cabot's tour in Asia is hosted by Pan Macmillan Asia.
- The UK edition of Meg Cabot's children's titles are published by Macmillan Children's Books. Meg Cabot's adult titles are published by Pan Books, an imprint of Pan Macmillan.
- Jacket images and author photos are available from Pan Macmillan Asia website: <http://www.macmillan.com.hk/pma/english/specevent.html>
- Meg Cabot is available for interview upon request. Please contact Janet Chan janet.chan@macmillan.com.hk Tel: +852 2811-7192 Mob: +852 9800-2194.
- Review copies are available upon request.
- Meg Cabot's websites: www.megcabot.co.uk www.megcabot.com

Biography: Meggin Patricia Cabot (aka Meg Cabot) was born on 1st February 1967, in Bloomington, Indiana. Her childhood was spent in pursuit of air conditioning, of which there was little at the time in Southern Indiana. A primary source proved to be the Monroe County Public Library, where Meggin whiled away many hours, reading the complete works of Jane Austen, Judy Blume and Barbara Cartland. It was around this time that Meg's desire to be a writer bloomed, a goal that was not forgotten, even when she fell in with the "theatre crowd" in high school and went on to star in and design the sets for productions such as *The Good Doctor* and *Li'l Abner*.

Nervous that her writing talent wasn't as great as her eye for design, Meg studied Fine Arts as opposed to English at Indiana University, then moved to New York City in 1989, intent in pursuing a career in freelance illustration. Assignments by MTV and Planned Parenthood soon followed. In September, 1994, however, spurred by the sudden death of her father, Meggin dusted off one of the many manuscripts she had penned in her spare time and began to look for representation. A brief career penning historical romances under another name followed until, prompted by her mother moving in with one of her former art professors, Meg wrote both *The Princess Diaries* and *The Mediator*, books which happen to be about, among other things, teenage girls dealing with unsettling family issues. Based on the success of these books, Meg dropped the pseudonym and the romance-writing career but not her love for a happy ending.

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To obtain further information about Meg Cabot's tour in Asia, please contact us directly.

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