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***The Eye of the Lion, The Story of my First Hurricane* is finally released in conjunction with the 20-year anniversary of Hurricane 'Iniki**

It's been twenty years since Hurricane Iniki visited the Island of Kaua'i. The residents of Kaua'i have had time to heal their wounds, rebuild their homes, businesses and their lives. But the children of Kaua'i who experienced the storm will never forget. These children are now adults, many with children of their own. They learned valuable lessons about preparing for a storm, relying on family, and coming together as a community to rebuild.

Author Mark Jeffers believes that it is now time to release this powerful story that was inspired by the children who experienced Hurricane 'Iniki twenty years ago, so that their own children may benefit. *The Eye of The Lion, The Story of My First Hurricane* is now available for you and your family to experience.

Inspiration for 'The Eye of the Lion'

After Hurricane 'Iniki passed over Kaua'i, leaving a wake of destruction in its path, Mark Jeffers of Storybook Theatre wanted to know how the storm affected the children of Kaua'i. So, he applied for funds available from the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund to hold a contest that would allow the children of Kaua'i to share their hurricane stories. He believed that allowing the children to write their stories would be therapeutic and that their stories could potentially benefit other children that found themselves facing a hurricane or similar natural disaster. The winners also received a monetary prize, which would benefit their families at a time when most people were without work. The stories and images he received from the children of Kaua'i became the inspiration for *The Story of my First Hurricane*. Jeffers then enlisted Stacey Kaopuiki of Maui to illustrate the story based on the images sent in by the children. *The Eye of the Lion* has since remained in the Storybook Theatre Vault until now.

Book Description:

Experience a hurricane through the eyes of a child. Master storyteller, Mark Jeffers of Storybook Theatre, recounts the story of Hurricane 'Iniki as it passes over the island of Kaua'i leaving a wake of destruction in its path. He shows how one Hawaiian family prepares for the hurricane and supports each other while the storm passes over their home.

Book Signing Dates:

Jeffers will be signing copies of *The Eye of the Lion* at the following locations:

Saturday September 8th	12:00pm to 2:00 p.m. at Storybook Theatre of Hawaii Hanapepe
Sunday September 9th	12:00 to 3:00 Sweet Marie's Restaurant & Bakery in Lihue
Tuesday September 11th	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. Small Town Coffee in Kapa'a
Thursday September 13th	3 - 6 p.m. Kauai Mini Golf in Kilauea
Friday September 14th	4 - 6 p.m. Kukui Grove Center Stage
Saturday September 29th	12:30 pm Kokee Natural History Museum Front Porch.

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is now available at the following locations:

Storybook Theatre in Hanapepe
Koke'e Natural History Museum
Sweet Marie's Restaurant & Bakery
Amazon.com

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