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**“ONE CITY ONE STORY”: BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES 30,000 COPIES OF RISHI REDDI STORY TO BE DISTRIBUTED
FREE, CITYWIDE,
IN FOURTH YEAR OF PROGRAM**

(BOSTON) The organizers of the Boston Book Festival, presented in partnership with WBUR, have announced that Rishi Reddi's "Karma" will be the 2013 selection in the organization's *One City One Story* program, now in its fourth year. Copies of this story, chosen for its literary merit, ability to stimulate discussion, and accessibility, will be distributed as a bound booklet throughout the city beginning this month. Festival organizers hope thousands of Bostonians will read and discuss the story in the weeks leading up to the fifth annual Boston Book Festival, which takes place on Oct. 17–19, 2013. Reddi will participate in a town-hall style discussion of the story at the Festival. In addition, plans are underway for several related events to take place in Boston neighborhoods in the weeks leading up to the Boston Book Festival.

"The growing success of our Festival, now in its fifth year, proves that Boston has a passion for reading," said Boston Book Festival Founding President Deborah Z Porter. "With *One City One Story*, we explore this further by asking the City to unite around a single story and examine it from many different perspectives. We love the idea of many thousands of people reading the same story and talking about it against the backdrop of the Boston Book Festival."

Reddi's debut book of fiction, *Karma and Other Stories*, won the 2008 L.L. Winship - PEN/New England Award. Her stories have appeared in *Best American Short Stories 2005*, earned an honorable mention in *Pushcart Prize 2004*, and been read on National Public Radio's *Selected Shorts* series. She has received grants and fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and Vermont Studio Center. Rishi was born in Hyderabad, India, and has lived in England and the United States. She graduated from Swarthmore College and Northeastern University School of Law. She is an environmental attorney for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and serves on the Board of Directors for South Asian Americans Leading Together. She lives in Brookline, Massachusetts.

In "Karma," an unemployed professor rescues birds in downtown Boston after his wealthy brother kicks him out of his home. In Reddi's sweet, layered story, a wounded bird is confused by Boston's skyscrapers, revealing something about the the tensions of assimilation.

In 2013, Dunkin' Donuts is sponsoring the *One City One Story* program, and copies will be available at selected Dunkin' Donuts locations in Boston in September and October, in advance of the Boston Book Festival. Distribution will also take place at all Boston Public Library branches as well as at subway stations, community centers, farmers' markets, open studios, and other places where people gather. A complete list of distribution locations will be available soon. A Spanish-language edition will also be printed, and the story will be available online in several additional languages at www.bostonbookfest.org beginning Oct. 1.

The fifth annual Boston Book Festival will take place October 17 -19, 2013 in various Copley Square locations. Festival events will include presentations and panels featuring internationally-known writers, scholars, critics, and commentators; programming for children, teens, and families; writing workshops and competitions; outdoor booths; and poetry and music performances. Most events are FREE and open to the public. The Boston Book Festival is produced by the nonprofit organization of the same name and is made possible with the generous support of individual donors and sponsors, including Presenting Partner 90.9 WBUR, Amazon, the Biogen Idec Foundation, Boston Common Hotel, Chitika, Copley Square Hotel, Dunkin' Donuts, The Folio Society, Hachette Book Group, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, the John W. Henry Family Foundation, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Mass Humanities, Other Press, Plymouth Rock Assurance, the Revere Hotel, Simmons College, Target, and Zipcar. For more information, visit www.bostonbookfest.org.

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