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Novel 'Funnel Vision' takes exciting look inside the world of storm chasers

15 JANUARY 2012, ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA - It's an era of billion-dollar weather disasters and storm chasers as television stars. Get a look inside what it's really like to chase tornadoes — and insight into the people who chase storms — in a new novel by storm chaser Chris Kridler, "Funnel Vision."

When brash tornado researcher Jack Andreas and photographer Judy Hale cross paths with each other, a host of obsessed storm chasers, Judy's sultry sister and a hapless storm tour operator, they can only be on a road to disaster ... and dreams. With action, humor, romance and rapturous skies, "Funnel Vision" takes you into the heart of Tornado Alley — and the hearts and minds of the adventurers who populate the nomadic, geeky, exhilarating world of storm chasing.

Kridler, a veteran journalist and photographer who has chased storms for 15 years, is available for interviews and can discuss storm-chasing culture, storms, tornado and lightning safety, weather photography, writing, and the novel "Funnel Vision."

Kridler is an award-winning journalist with more than 20 years of experience who has worked at *Florida Today*, *The Baltimore Sun* and *The Charlotte Observer*. As a reporter covering space, she wrote about space shuttle missions, the Mars Rovers from California's Jet Propulsion Lab, and a Soyuz launch and mission from Kazakhstan and Russia. She has written book, movie and restaurant reviews; countless news articles; and features on a variety of topics. Her photos have appeared in magazines and on book covers, she was featured in *Popular Photography*, and her video has appeared on numerous television shows. She won the Best Documentary award at the 2011 Melbourne Independent Filmmakers Festival for her short film "Chasing Reality," about the realities of storm chasing. She has been interviewed in various media, including documentaries on The Travel Channel and The Weather Channel and on "American Variety Radio" on public radio. Originally from Pennsylvania, she went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and lives on Florida's Space Coast.

"Funnel Vision" is available as a trade paperback for \$14.95 and in several e-book formats for \$2.99, with a release date of Jan. 24, 2012. Visit <http://chriskridler.com/books> for more information about "Funnel Vision," along with a high-resolution book cover image and author photos, a book trailer and a Q&A interview.

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