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Storm photos available upon request

Book signing and photography exhibit to celebrate the release of novel 'Tornado Pinball,' a storm-chasing adventure

Book details:

"Tornado Pinball," a storm-chasing adventure novel (sequel to "Funnel Vision"; Storm Seekers, Book Two) **Publication date:** Feb. 28, 2013

ISBN-13: 978-0-9849139-6-1

Retail price:

\$14.95 trade paperback, \$2.99 various e-book formats

More information:

http://chriskridler.com/books

Book signing and photography exhibit details:

What: Storm photography exhibit launch and "Tornado Pinball" book signing with storm chaser and author Chris Kridler; party features all of the gallery's artists with refreshments, wine and hors d'oeuvres

Where: Downtown Gallery, 335 S. Washington

Ave., Titusville, Florida

When: Opening 6-9 p.m. March 22; storm photography exhibit March 20-April 16

Admission: Free

More information: Call the gallery

at 321-268-0122

13 FEBRUARY 2013 - Storm chasing has become a TV spectator sport, and Florida storm chaser and writer Chris Kridler explores that idea with thrilling action, humor and drama in her new novel, "Tornado Pinball." The book comes out in late February and will be celebrated March 22 with the opening of an exhibit of Kridler's storm photography and a book signing at the Downtown Gallery in Titusville, Florida.

Here's a summary of the novel: Just when TV shows about storm chasing can't get any more extreme, along comes a production company with the ultimate exploit: the Bubble, a manned tornado probe. As the reluctant consultant, expert storm chaser Jack Andreas must get the show's nervous star, failed tour operator Brad Treat, into a twister. But Jack is losing his customary cool as a comedy of errors unfolds. Distracting him is co-star Saffire, a Hollywood actress who is more than she seems, and producer Wynda, who will do anything to make her documentary succeed. The daring star of another show pursues them, desperate for a shot with his own flying machine. As the disasters mount, will Jack be able to launch their device into a tornado? In this second Storm Seekers novel — the sequel to "Funnel Vision" — "Tornado Pinball" delivers an unforgettable adventure with action, humor, romance and stunning storms.

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Kridler, a veteran journalist and photographer who has chased storms for 16 years, is available for interviews and talks and can discuss storm-chasing culture, storms, tornado and lightning safety, weather photography and writing.

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*, covering space, features and the arts. 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 in Rockledge, on Florida's Space Coast.

"Tornado Pinball" is available as a trade paperback for \$14.95 and in several e-book formats for \$2.99, with a release date of Feb. 28, 2013. Visit http://chriskridler.com/books for more information, high-resolution book cover images and author photos, a "Funnel Vision" book trailer and a Q&A interview.

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