May 17, 2012 (Austin, TX): Eleven titles distributed by Greenleaf Book Group were honored in the 2012 Eric Hoffer Awards, which highlight freethinking writers and celebrate the independent spirit of small publishers. Named after the American philosopher Eric Hoffer, the annual prize champions the top independent voices in twenty unique categories. Greenleaf is excited to congratulate the following honorees:

**WINNER**

**Self Help:** *Stress Less, Weigh Less* by Holly Mosier (Greenleaf Book Group)

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**Business:** *Grow Smart, Risk Less* by Shelly Sun (Greenleaf Book Group Press)
*You Should Only Have to Get Rich Once* by Russell E. Holcombe (Emerald Book Company)

**Children’s:** *A Quest for Good Manners* by Karin Lefranc, illustrated by Hannah Neale (Beluga Press)

**Commercial Fiction:** *Primacy* by J. E. Fishman (Verbitrage)

**Culture:** *Anatolian Days & Nights: A Love Affair with Turkey* by Angie Brenner & Joy E. Stocke (Wild River Books)

**Home:** *Highlighting Homeschooling* by Bethany Gardiner, M.D. (Sticky Tape Press)

**Self-Help:** *The 9 Steps to Keep the Doctor Away* by Dr. Rashid A. Buttar (GMEC Publishing)

**FINALISTS**

*Hear Your Life* by Melissa K. Rodriguez (Greenleaf Book Group Press)

*The Tenth Door* by Michele Hebert (Emerald Book Company)

*Tornado Warning* by Elin Stebbins Waldal (Sound Beach Publishing)

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