

# Book

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Since the publication of his book in 2006, Mortenson has become a highly sought speaker, traveling across the United States to raise visibility for his life mission to educate children, especially girls in the remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mortenson's book has fired the imaginations of and inspired countless people around the world to do what they can to promote peace. The book is now out in paperback, and is the Eden Prairie Reads community reading selection this year. Events planned as part of Eden Prairie Reads include an appearance by Jerene Mortenson (see sidebar).

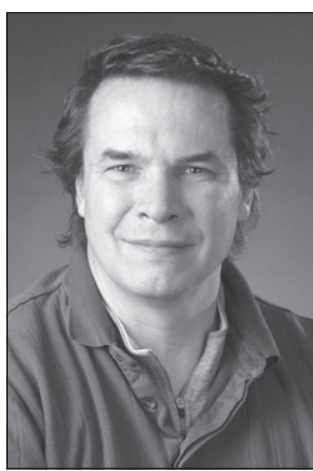
For the past two years, she and Doerring have accepted invitations to speak at schools and organizations in the Twin Cities and the region about Greg Mortenson's humanitarian mission.

Jerene Mortenson, a practiced hand at presentations from years as a teacher and principal at schools in Wisconsin and Minnesota, shows a DVD documentary, and has a PowerPoint presentation with pictures and myriad information about the Afghan and Pakistani students and schools that have been built in the past 15 years. And of course, she fields all kinds of questions.

"And audiences are always curious and want to know what kind of child Greg was," Jerene said by phone. "They want to know what he was like growing up. They also want to know 'Have I been there?' They want to know if any of Greg's schools have been affected by the Taliban. Where do the teachers come from?"

"I was in Pakistan about 12 or 13 years ago for about three weeks," Jerene said. "Since we'd lived for many years in Africa, when Greg was a boy, I had expected the area to be much of the same type of thing; but this is so much more rugged and inaccessible. Living there is harsher; the climate is much less friendly. I was there in summer but it is very cool up in the mountains. It's rough, but I was not afraid."

Greg Mortenson's online calendar shows him heavily scheduled into 2010. He spends nearly six to eight months of the year on tour in the United States and overseas publicizing his book, with brief trips home to Bozeman, Mont., where he lives with his wife and two children. He also spends about three to four months in Afghanistan



## Greg Mortenson

Founder/executive director, Central Asia Institute; author of New York Times best seller "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time."  
**Age:** 51. Born 1957, Minnesota; spent childhood in Tanzania.  
**Education:** Served in the U.S. Army as a medic; graduated from the University of South Dakota.  
**Family:** Married to Dr. Tara Bishop, a clinical psychologist; they have two children. His father Dempsey Mortenson founded Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, a teaching hospital. His mother Jerene Mortenson started the International School Moshi.  
**Most recent achievement:** He will receive the National Civil Award of Pakistan, "Star of Pakistan"—Pakistan's highest civilian award on March 23, 2009, by President Pervez Musharraf. In 2009, he was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

and Pakistan building more schools.

His schedule hasn't always been so jammed, his mother said. "But when his book first came out in 2006, it created a huge demand for Greg's appearances at book signings and talks. He's been all over the U.S. and Europe, most recently in England and Norway."

The enthusiastic reception of the book and the mission to build schools has been surprising.

"I'm quite amazed," Jerene said. "It's taken on a life of its own. Especially since in the first years it was so difficult to get much response."

After Mortenson returned to the United States in 1993, he wrote more than 500 letters to business people, celebrities and others to raise money. The only response he received was from Tom Brokaw, who sent him encouragement and a check for \$100.

Jerene was a principal of an elementary school in River Falls, Wis., at the time and told her teachers and students about her son's mission.

"It started when one boy brought his piggy bank to school," Jerene said. "Then a teacher suggested that all the children donate only pennies so that it was possible for everyone to contribute. And that's how Pennies for Peace began. Now there are 3,000 schools that are doing Pennies of Peace. They can donate the money to any number of causes, but most of them donate for the Pakistani and Afghan schools."

"I'm not surprised," Jerene said, about her son's tenacity and passion for his mission, "but I'm amazed at how it's grown. And just this week, he's released a book based on 'Three Cups' for young readers and a picture book for very young children."

### A CLICK AWAY

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Share your thoughts on "Three Cups of Tea" on our Web site.

## 'Three Cups of Tea' events set

By John Molene

If Eden Prairie fans of "Three Cups of Tea" want to learn more, they're going to have not one, but two, opportunities.

In its sixth year, Eden Prairie Reads selected "Three Cups of Tea," by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin as its 2009 community book selection. The nonfiction book describes Mortenson's experience following his 1993 failed attempt to climb K2 in Pakistan. Kindness by local villagers resulted in his promise to return and build a school. Mortenson did so, and much more, building 55 schools.

"Three Cups of Tea" is the story of his promise to the villagers—and to himself.

The first of two Eden Prairie events will be a panel presentation: "Local Perspectives on Pakistan and Afghanistan," scheduled for

7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in the large meeting room of the Eden Prairie Library, 565 Prairie Center Drive.

Panel members from the community will share their experiences of growing up or working in Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as share their responses to "Three Cups of Tea."

The second event — "An Evening with Jerene Mortenson" — is set for Tuesday, March 10, at Eden Prairie High School, 17185 Valley View Road. It will begin with an opportunity for small group discussions on "Three Cups of Tea," from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and be following by a presentation by Jerene Mortenson from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mortenson will be speaking on her son Greg's work in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

For more details about the book, the author, discussion questions or activity information, see the Web site at www.epreads.org.

### More information

- Official book Web site: www.threecupsoftea.com
- Link to book discussion questions at www.epreads.org.



### Did you know?

- As of 2009, "Three Cups of Tea" has sold more than 2.4 million copies.
- It has been published in 29 countries.
- It has been adopted by 57 college campuses as a "Common Experience" book.
- It is required reading at the Pentagon for officers going into counter-intelligence training.
- Many Special Forces units require this book for troops deploying to Afghanistan.

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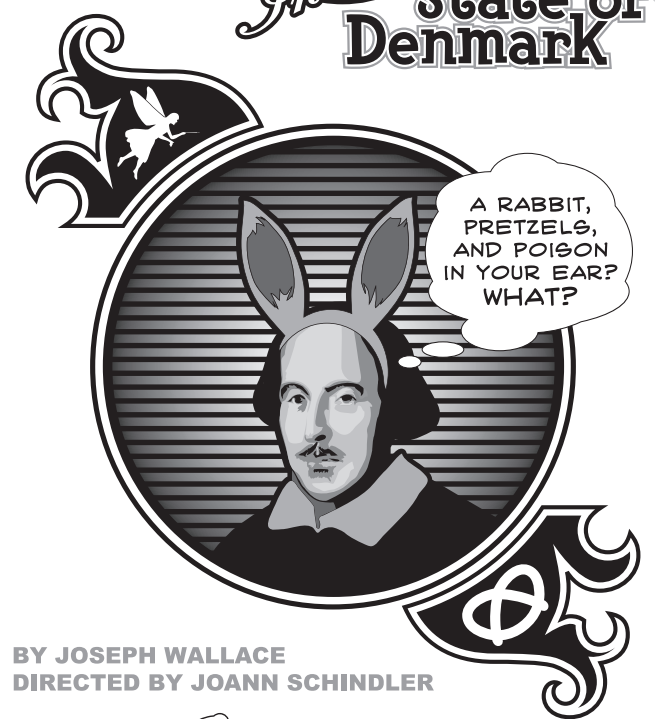
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Featuring author/illustrator Allison Stoutland and Cathy Hofer creators of *What Can I Do Today... to make the world a happier place?*

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Hooked on Books is a partnership between District 112/The Schools of Eastern Carver County and the Carver County Libraries. Sponsors include the Chaska Rotary, Friends of the Chanhassen Library, Friends of the Chaska Library, Chanhassen Villager and Chaska Herald. Funded in part by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and

Below are some of the event activities. For more information, visit www.ce4all.org

**Alpha Betty:** Wacky, improvisation of stories & songs. Community Education

**Be Kind to Nature:** Learn about live critters and their environment. Three Rivers Park District

**Community Collage:** Create a community collage. Bluff Creek Elementary

**Friendly Flowers:** Create tissue paper flowers, for you and for Summerfield residents. Chanhassen Elementary

**Latin Dance:** The Latin Dance Club will perform a variety of dances.

**Let it Snow:** Winter storytelling and art activities. Kindergarten Center

**Make & Take Crafts:** Make a variety of crafts. Community Education

**The Mitten:** Make a mitten and all the animals to go along with it. Club Care

**Mother Goose:** Mother Goose is on the loose! Can you spot her? East Union

**Not A Box:** Cardboard boxes can be a variety of playthings! Clover Ridge

**Orchestra:** The CHS Orchestra will perform songs.

**Puppet Show:** The Three Little Pigs, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, and The Mitten. GS Troop #10067

**Put Your Best Foot Forward:** Face painting and reading. GS Troop #10119

**Rappin' with a Frog:** A rap performance of There's a Frog on My Forehead. Victoria Elementary

**Reach for the Sky:** Make a mural pledge to help the world. Bluff Creek

**Silly Sally:** Circle time of stories and songs from the book. Early Childhood Family Education

**Tales for Tails:** Sign up to read to one of the four-legged friends visiting our fair. Carver County Libraries

**Tea for Peace:** Learn how tea is shared in different countries. Bluff Creek Elementary

**The Sick Bug:** Listen to the story and create pictures with the author & illustrator. Carver County Libraries

**We Treasure Reading:** A pirate tells stories & you participate in activities. Chaska Elementary

**Wild About Books:** Watch a play based on the book; Book Fair Day. Jonathan Elementary

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