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RARE THREE-DIMENSIONAL NOVEL
GARNERS AWARDS FOR 2008

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Dearest, by Michelangelo Altière, has received three awards in 2008 honoring this creative new format for a literary novel, published by London House Publishing.

Dearest has been awarded a Gold Medal from the prestigious PubWest Book Design Awards. Publishers Association of The West, (PubWest), is a non-profit organization dedicated to excellence in publishing. This is the 24th year of the awards. Winners will be recognized at PubWest's National Publishing Conference, November 13-15, 2008, in Portland, Oregon.

The Independent Book Publishers Awards has presented London House Publishing a Bronze Medal for *Dearest*. The "Ippy" award was presented to the author in Los Angeles at the 2008 Book Expo America. The annual Independent Publisher Book Awards, honor the year's best independently published titles for North America.

USA Book News has named *Dearest* a National Best Book. It was announced on October 20th that *Dearest* is the award winner for "Book Arts" in the National Best Books 2008 Awards. Book Arts is an award category that recognizes achievements and quality in handmade book design. And *Dearest* has achieved something unique.

Untying the twine and lifting the lid of the novel, you find a bundle of letters tied in a ribbon. You discover a dried rose and the scent of honeysuckle. You leaf through newspaper articles and examine the keepsakes. This is how the experience of the novel, *Dearest* begins.

In 1872, a small town Marietta milliner and a wealthy engineer from Pittsburgh have a chance encounter on a small Ohio riverboat bound from Cincinnati. From that moment on their lives are changed. Only the change is not what they expect. They are two ordinary people caught up in a powerful relationship and life-altering circumstances. *Dearest* is their extraordinary story.

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And just as extraordinary is the presentation. The reader's sense of smell, touch, and sight is engaged with each letter of the correspondence and the keepsakes that are part of their story. *Dearest* is as much art as it is literature. Carefully handmade in America, it is available in three different 3-dimensional editions.

Unlike anything created in the literary world, *Dearest* is the first of a number of "Experience Novels" to be produced in the coming years by London House Publishing. More information about the book and the author can be found at the publisher's web site at www.londonhousepublishing.com.

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