

BILLYCHIU.COM

AMAZON ♦ BARNES & NOBLE ♦ iUNIVERSE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WILLIAM CHIU'S SYMBOL OF HARMONY PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK CITY

New novel by a 10 year old writer gives us a glimpse into conflicts and hopes experienced by young children living in a post 9/11 New York City

New York, NY (June 10, 2009) – William Chiu's new fiction/suspense novel, *Symbol of Harmony* is published by iUniverse in the U.S. on June 9, 2009.

The paperback and Kindle editions are available now at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.com, and will arrive at bookstores in the New York area in July. The announcement was made today in BillyChiu.com, the author's official website.

The 10 year old writer just turned three when 9/11 occurred. The novel reflects the perspectives of young children growing up with recessed memories of the World Trade Center collapse.

"There is a voice of fear and hesitation, but there is an even stronger desire of forgiveness and heroism expressed by these children who try to live a normal life in the city," said the author's editor.

"William Chiu has written a novel that combines friendship and love despite today's all too common world of terrorism and despair. It is clear that the author incorporates both reality and fiction to create a novel which captivates young audience of all backgrounds," said Joanna LaRocca, William Chiu's elementary school teacher.

"Reading this book took me on an adventure through a child's eyes and it was delightful. For such a young and talented author/musician, I congratulate him and hope to continue to read his future books and poetries," said Dalila Jimenez in an Amazon.com book review.

William Chiu was born in New York City. He is currently attending PS196 in Forest Hills, New York City. *Symbol of Harmony* is his first published novel written during the summer of 2008, after 4th grade.

“I wrote the novel because I want to share with other children how my friends and I see current events in the world. I want people to know that children can help solve the world’s conflicts too,” said William Chiu.

Distribution of *Symbol of Harmony* took an unconventional route. While mass market distribution by traditional publisher normally takes 2 years, iUniverse’s strategic alliances with [Barnes & Noble, Inc.](#) in the U.S. and [Chapters Indigo](#) in Canada, allows the book to reach the market in only a few months.

iUniverse’s parent is AuthorHouse. It also has partnerships with the [Authors Guild](#), the [Harlem Writers Guild](#) and the [American Society of Journalists and Authors](#).

The illustrations and design of *Symbol of Harmony* is also distinguished from many mass market books. Instead of using professional illustrators, generic book cover designers, and traditional book reviewers, *Symbol of Harmony* uses the works of two young children artists, Alexander Lee, age 13, and Molly Heit, age 11, who also attends PS196. Ms. Joanna Larocca, a 5th grade teacher at PS196, took the pen to write the foreword. The author retains all copyrights.

“Congratulation on William’s book. You must be so proud of him!” Chancellor Joel I. Klein, the New York City school chancellor, wrote to William Chiu’s father in an email.

William Chiu is also a pianist giving concert performances since the age of four. Some of his performances can be seen on [YouTube.com](#).

For more information about William Chiu and *Symbol of Harmony*, please visit the website: [BillyChiu.com](#).

