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***Dream Singer* Now Available From Artisan Island Press**

Finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Prize

Portland, Maine, September 22, 2014: Artisan Island Press has released a signed, first edition of its inaugural book, *Dream Singer*, by Frank O Smith. *Dream Singer* was a finalist for the Bellwether Prize, created by best-selling novelist Barbara Kingsolver, "in support of literature for social change."

Dream Singer, set in the 1970s, is the story of Elijah McCloud, a Native American elder who lives reclusively in the mountains of the west. As a boy, he was recognized to have the gift of *dream singing*, the ability to see what is to come through dreams. But using it selfishly, he lost it and became estranged from his family, his Modoc tribal heritage, and even from himself. A seemingly chance crossing of paths with a thirteen year-old runaway who has witnessed a murder in a rail yard turns Elijah's path in a completely new direction. The grandeur of the West and Native People's ancient ties to the land are central in this story of betrayal of love and a quest for redemption. Listening keenly to rekindled dreams and the natural world becomes a matter of life and death. And ultimately – hope.

Says best-selling author Pat Conroy of *Dream Singer*: "Elijah McCloud is a great character in American literature. Smith writes lyrically of his world, the American West, what once was and still is. Part love story, tragedy, and mystery, *Dream Singer* is a free-rolling journey of the heart."

Best-selling novelist Terry Kay says: "It excites me that this tender yet compelling story of an elderly Modoc Indian and a young runaway from Seattle will be shared with lovers of words everywhere. The music of *Dream Singer* is a song of wonder."

Frank O Smith is a writer and ghostwriter, and teaches writing at the Maine College of Art. He lives with his wife on the coast of Maine.

Artisan Island Press is a small, literary press created by four investors. A "middle way" between commercial and self-publishing, the press' editorial board selectively chooses projects for its creative team to collaborate on. It provides writers with editorial services, including story development editing, copyediting, custom cover art, and interior design to ensure quality standards. Artisan Island Press is proud to be a part of the emergence of curated publishing, and a member of the Independent Book Publishers Association. The signed first edition can be purchased at www.frankosmithstories.com.