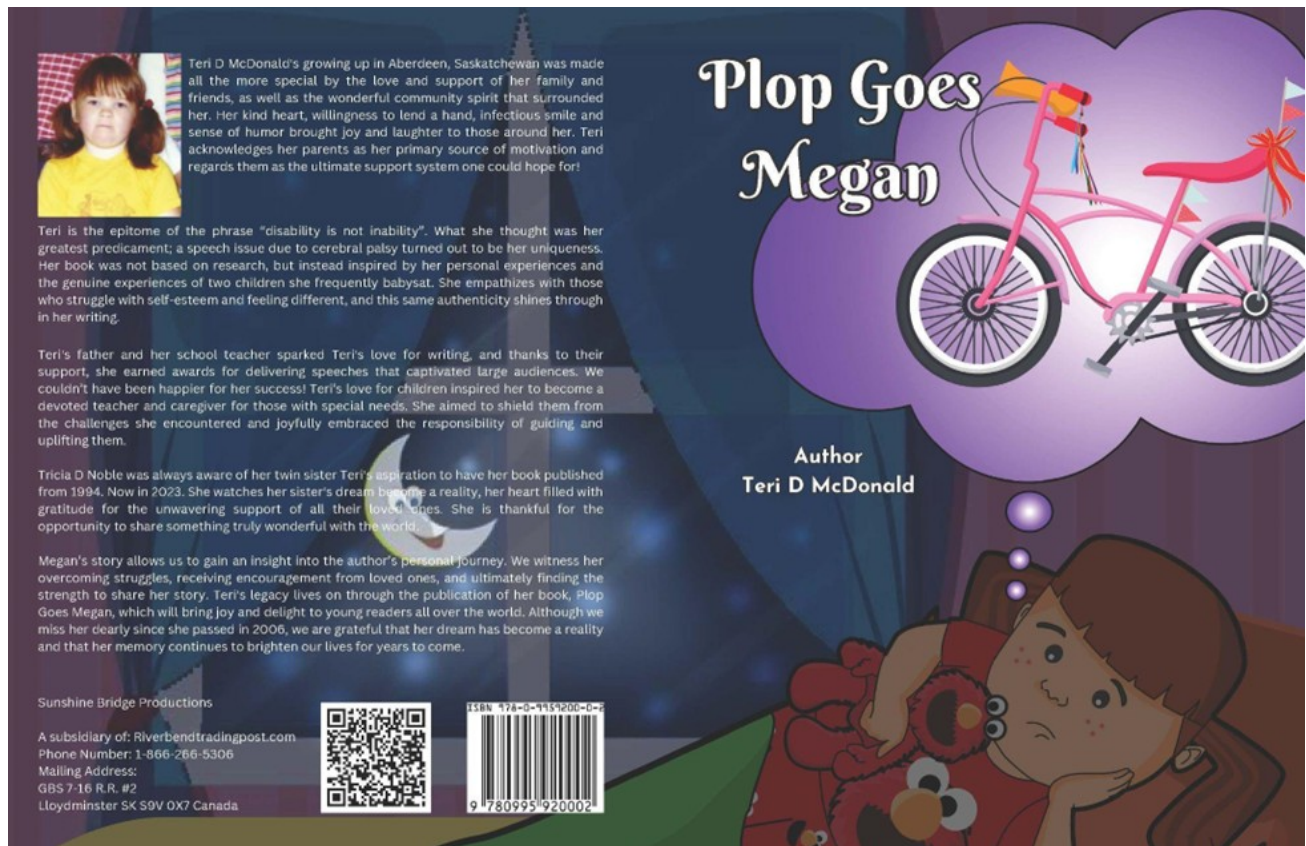


The Story Behind Plop Goes Megan

A sister's promise, a book brought to life, and a place for Teri's words to live on



Plop Goes Megan by Teri D. McDonald - published by Sunshine Bridge Productions

More Than a Children's Book

Plop Goes Megan has a story behind it that is very close to my heart. The book was written by my twin sister, Teri D. McDonald. Teri loved writing and dreamed of seeing her children's book published. Sadly, she passed away in 2006 before she had the chance to make that dream happen.

That same year, I came across Teri's manuscript. From the moment I found it, I carried one very personal hope with me: somehow, someday, I wanted to finish what she had started and make sure her story did not disappear.

Keeping a Promise to My Twin Sister

For years, that manuscript stayed with me. Eventually I decided that if Teri could not be here to publish the book herself, I was going to do everything I could to bring it to life for her. That is how Sunshine Bridge Productions came to be, and how Plop Goes Megan finally became a real book in 2023.

The story follows a young girl named Megan who receives a two-wheel bike for her birthday. Like so many children learning something new, she discovers that it is not quite as easy as she imagined. With determination, encouragement from her family, and a few lessons along the way, Megan learns about courage, perseverance and believing in herself.

There is also a little piece of home throughout the book. The illustrations were created around Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, where Teri and I grew up. That mattered to me because I wanted the finished book to carry not only Teri's words, but also a little bit of where our own story began.

"She was here. She wrote this. Her words mattered."

Bringing Her Memory Back to Life

When the book was published, I chose National Sister Day as part of its release because there really could not have been a more meaningful connection. This was never simply about putting a children's book on a shelf. It was about keeping a promise, honouring my twin sister, and making sure something she created could continue long after she was gone.

One of the things I love most about Plop Goes Megan is that its message is so simple and timeless. We all have moments when something feels too difficult, when we want to give up, or when we are not sure we can do it. Megan's journey reminds children that it is okay to struggle, to try again, and to lean on the people who love and encourage us.

From the beginning, I also wanted Teri's book to do some good beyond simply being read. The original vision was for proceeds from the book to help support creative play opportunities and activities that encourage mental and physical well-being - something that felt very fitting for the kind of person Teri was and the way she cared about others.

Seeing Teri's name printed on the cover for the first time is something I will never forget. She never had the opportunity to hold the finished book in her own hands, but her words are here. Her name is here. Her story is being shared. In my own way, I was finally able to finish something my twin sister started.

A Permanent Place for Teri's Story

There was one more goal that meant just as much to me as publishing the book: I wanted Teri's work to have a permanent place in Canada's story.

On October 28, 2023, I received the Official Legal Deposit Receipt from Library and Archives Canada. It confirmed that two copies of Plop Goes Megan had been received and processed for Canada's national collection. For me, that little piece of paper represented something much bigger than a receipt. It meant Teri's book had reached a place where her name and her work could be preserved for future generations.

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A Long-Awaited Kind of Closure

Ever since finding Teri's manuscript in 2006, I had wished for this moment. Receiving that receipt felt bittersweet and, in its own way, like a long-awaited kind of closure. Not because grief ever truly ends, but because something that had felt unfinished for so many years was finally complete.

Bringing Teri's memory back to life through her book has given me strength and happiness alongside the sorrow. Of course, there are still moments that can hit you like a brick. A memory, a photograph, a song, or simply seeing her name on the cover can bring a tear without warning. We are only human, and we all find different ways to live with loss.

This was one of mine.

I wanted Teri to live on in our hearts and in our memories, but I also wanted something tangible that would remain after us. Knowing that Plop Goes Megan is now part of Canada's national collection gives me a tremendous sense of peace. Long after those of us who knew Teri personally are gone, her name, her story and a little piece of who she was can still be found.

And I think Teri would have been pretty proud of that.