

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Tessa's Tall Tales

Local author and illustrator release new children's book.

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San Francisco Bay Area native and author, Carolyn Joyce Dodds, creates *Tessa's Tall Tales*, a quick-witted, whimsical tale intended for school-age children. Tessa delights in telling tall tales but has she stopped telling the truth altogether? Tessa and her parents must navigate the waters between truth and falsehood without crushing creativity. It is a challenge for all imaginative children. Readers will delight in the adventures of wolf cub Tessa, her parents and friends as fancifully drawn by Academy of Art College graduate, June Gomez.

The author confesses to be an inveterate, storyteller herself. "Children are instinctive storytellers often unable or unwilling to distinguish between truths and untruths. The knowing parent encourages their young child's creative gifts while carefully guiding them away from deceit. Tessa and her parents navigate that journey as the little wolf explores space, seeks pirate treasure and awaits the tooth fairy."

High Praise for *Tessa's Tall Tales*

"Have you ever wondered what it is like for a child so full of imagination, who craves attention and views the real world as boring with no one to listen? Meet Tessa, a young wolf cub who tells tall tales of adventure, leaving everyone wondering what is true and what is not. Carolyn Dodds delivers a sweet and poignant story as she brilliantly captures the joy of Tessa, her parents' concerns and the careful way in which they come to a solution without thwarting Tessa's passion and love of storytelling."

Maribeth Boettcher

Retired teacher, Brentwood Elementary School District Librarian and lover of children's stories

Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, online retailers, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and eBay.

Follow the adventures of Tessa, her parents, classmates and imaginary friends on her website:

<http://TessasTallTales.com>, Instagram

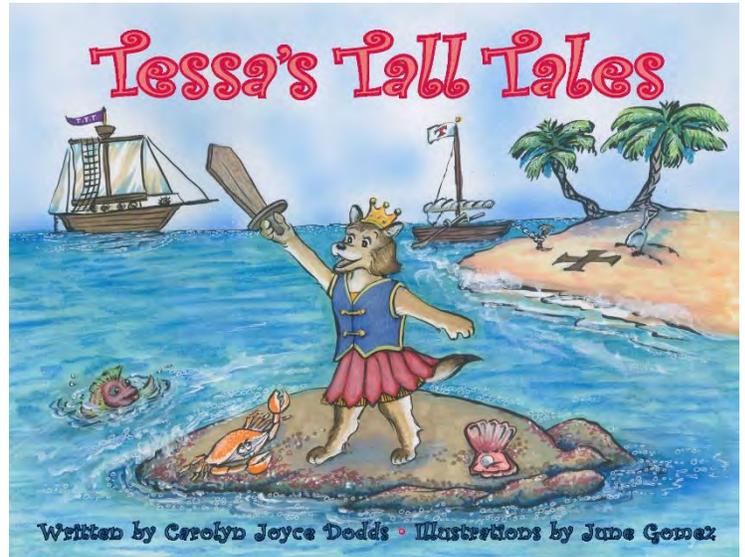


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Tessa's Tall Tales

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About the Author and Illustrator of

Tessa's Tall Tales

Carolyn Joyce Dodds lives in Northern California where she has raised her two grown sons. She is a retired syndicated newspaper columnist and is now passionate about her role as a Special Education Teacher and Reading Specialist. Carolyn has an extensive background as a Behavior Modification Therapist, working with all ages of children and young adults on the autism spectrum. She has served as a strong advocate for families of children with special needs. Carolyn counsels burn survivors through the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation under the name of "Funshine" and spends her breaks and weekends giving back to the community by volunteering her time to teach life skills, social skills, and encourage young people to be active through camping, rock climbing, fishing, and snowboarding. *Tessa's Tall Tales* is the first in a long line of children's books Carolyn has written. You can learn more about the author at <http://AuthorTessasTallTales.com>



June Gomez is a native Californian. Her artistic talents were nurtured from an incredibly young age. Long road trips were taken with her sketchbook in hand. The cloud formations outside the station wagon window were her first creative inspirations. Soon, June's youthful talents became evident to both her family and teachers. Art and creative projects became her favorite subject in elementary as well as secondary school. Voted "Most Creative" by her high school classmates set the stage for June's four-year artistic journey at the Academy of Art, San Francisco, California. There she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in illustration. Today, her professional mural work is prominently displayed in children's rooms, dental offices and commercial spaces around the greater San Francisco Bay Area. *Tessa's Tall Tales* is the second children's book illustrated by June. The first tale entitled *What if Strawberries had no Hats?* as published in 2019, is written by Cassandra Brown. This was June's first foray into children's book illustration and now her creative passion. You can learn more about the illustrator at <http://MasterpieceMurals.net>



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