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**NEW TWEEN MYSTERY BOOK SERIES TACKLES TIMELY ISSUES**

**OCTOBER 10, 2017** – Author Susan LeRoy announces the release of the first book in the Meivy Diaz Mystery series, a collection written for 9- to 13-year-olds that addresses timely cultural and political topics while teaching empathy.

“The Tale of the Locker Thief” follows Meivy as she navigates life as a young Hispanic, a new school, family matters, and a page-turning mystery. Among the issues Meivy encounters in the book is illegal immigration.

“There has never been a better time to introduce a strong, independent junior sleuth of Hispanic descent to young readers,” LeRoy says.

LeRoy’s diverse group of characters teaches acceptance, kindness and compassion. She was inspired by her English language students in the Family Literacy program in Danbury, Connecticut, many of them Hispanic.

“The group was made up of young women around the age of 17,” LeRoy says. “They all had such a strong desire to finish their education and to better their lives. I knew I had to bring their legacy to life in some way.”

“The Tale of the Locker Thief” is now available on Amazon Kindle, Smashwords, NOOK Books and paperback. The second book in the series will be published in early 2018. For more information, visit [mdiazmysteries.com](http://mdiazmysteries.com).

**About Meivy Diaz Mysteries**

The Meivy Diaz Mystery series by Susan LeRoy follows a young Hispanic sleuth who finds herself on the trail of mystery after mystery. The series, written for young readers between the ages of 9 and 13, addresses timely cultural and political topics through a diverse set of characters. For more information, visit [mdiazmysteries.com](http://mdiazmysteries.com).

**About the Author**

A writer, editor and educator, Susan LeRoy has taught at a variety of educational institutions, including Marist College, Danbury Public Schools and Chesapeake College. A self-professed pop culture princess, LeRoy’s appreciation for reading and writing began at a young age. She holds a Master of Arts in Literature from Western Connecticut State University.

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