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NEW BOOK DEBUTS HEARTFELT HORSE SERIES FOR MIDDLE GRADERS

NEW YORK, APRIL 22, 2016. A horse finds a new home in the first installment of debut author Karen Belove's *The Sally Horse Chronicles*. Written for middle graders but appealing to older audiences as well, *Cotton Candy Sally Finds a Home* takes readers on a horse's journey from the pastures of Iowa to a New Jersey horse auction, to a riding school in New York City. Unable to adjust to New York City's traffic, the once beloved horse in Iowa becomes known as a "sour nag" and spends most of her time inside her stall, with her head tethered to the wall. A troubled young girl builds a special bond with the wary horse, and is determined to fix things. But her father had recently died, and her mother has no money to buy the spirited mare. Through seemingly insurmountable odds, the young girl struggles to find a way for them to stay together.

Readers of *Cotton Candy Sally Finds a Home* have expressed great enthusiasm for the book in the short two weeks since it has been available. Professional reviews have been extremely positive: "Belove's attention to detail when describing the world of horse training is superb" -- *Kirkus Reviews*. Reader reviews on Amazon have also been very promising: "Heart warming and beautifully written," "A modern day Black Beauty," and "This beautifully written book captured my heart."

Ms. Belove thought about writing *The Sally Horse Chronicles* years ago, when she bought her first horse while mucking stalls at a riding school in New York City. Since then, she has been involved in many aspects of the sport, including dressage, eventing, and cross country jumping. With this new character-driven book and series, she combines her love of storytelling with her love of horses – and explores that magical bond that can exist between horse and human. Ms. Belove has a home in upstate New York where she rides the beautiful horse trails of Dutchess County.

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Cotton Candy Sally Finds a Home was published in April, 2016. It is available on Amazon in paperback and kindle versions, Walmart, and other brick and mortar bookstores. To learn more about *Cotton Candy Sally Finds a Home*, *The Sally Horse Chronicles* or to schedule a reading or event, please contact Karen Belove at Belove.Karen@gmail.com or at 917-558-3818.