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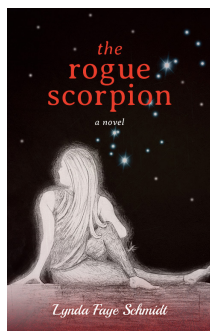
New Releases



***Shanti Fights for Her Rights*, Marcia E. Barss** – Middle Grade – February, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-989833-32-2 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$19.99, USD\$15.99

Fourteen-year-old Shanti's home is in a village in eastern India, where her parents work in the rice fields. She attends school in a town forty kilometres away and hopes to become a teacher. But while she is home on vacation, her mother gives birth to another girl. Shanti's father declares she must leave school to care for her baby sister. He also makes plans for Shanti to be married as soon as possible, despite the law against girls under eighteen being forced into marriage.

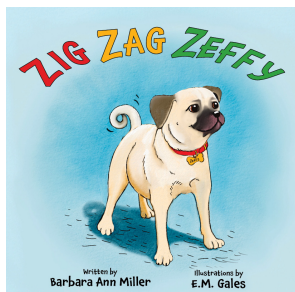
"A beautifully detailed, suspenseful story about a young girl fighting to free herself from an impossible situation." Jacqueline Halsey, author of *Piper*



***The Rogue Scorpion*, Lynda Faye Schmidt** – Women's Fiction – April, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-989833-33-9 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$18.99

The Rogue Scorpion is the story of Isabella Ricci, who, discouraged by the art scene in her birth city of Winnipeg, Canada, sets out for adventure to Bangkok, Thailand. Isabella's self-confidence is shattered after an incident on Ko Samet. An unexpected message from a friend has her return to Canada, where a dysfunctional relationship drives her to pick up and leave once again. In Panama, Isabella learns to trust her intuition and accept her authentic self. Her life begins to shift, from a constant series of battles, into flow. There, she discovers the spiritual depth she yearns for and finds love where she never expected it.

"The Rogue Scorpion had me captivated from the first page to the last page. Lynda Faye Schmidt weaves so much emotion and adventure in her storytelling that you can't help but wonder what will happen next in the story." Karen Dean, author of *We Are Unbreakable*

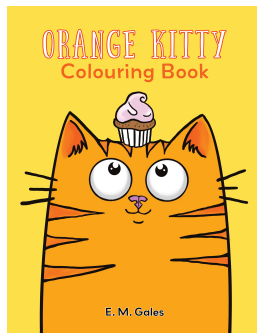


***Zig Zag Zeffy*, Barbara Miller** – Children's Picture Book – August, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-989833-34-6 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$18.99, USD\$13.99

ISBN: 978-1-989833-37-7 (hard cover)
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$17.99

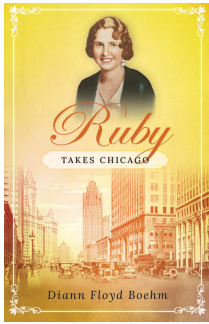
Zig Zag Zeffy is a heart-warming story of a Hu-Mom who adopts an energetic, fun-loving Puggle named Zeffy. It's a rhyming narrative that follows the pair as they develop an unbreakable bond. From Zeffy's adoption as a puppy, through a few growing pains, to obedience training and exploring the wide world outside, Zeffy and his Hu-Mom learn about each other, and about boundaries, and loving and living life. It's the first in a planned series that will teach themes such as inclusion and self-esteem with fun and rhythmic story-telling that ignites a child's passion for reading, while developing knowledge and enhancing social interaction with animals as well as people.

"This wonderful early childhood book keeps the young reader's attention as the love develops between a puppy and his Hu-Mom. The descriptive and fun story flows well, and is accompanied by colourful illustrations, providing many opportunities for teachable moments." Marg MacDonald, Recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education (2021)



Orange Kitty Colouring Book, E.M. Gales – July, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-989833-40-7
Suggested retail: CAD\$8.99, USD\$6.99

This is the companion colouring book for the playful, colourful, vibrantly illustrated, counting and rhyming children's picture book, *Orange kitty and the Mouse Parade*, about a sleepy cat that snoozes through a lively parade with fifty-five marching, cheering, trumpeting, baton-twirling mice!



Ruby Takes Chicago, Diann Floyd Boehm – YA/Historical/Biographical Fiction – November, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-989833-38-4 (paperback) – dyslexia-friendly font
Suggested retail: CAD\$22.99, USD\$16.99

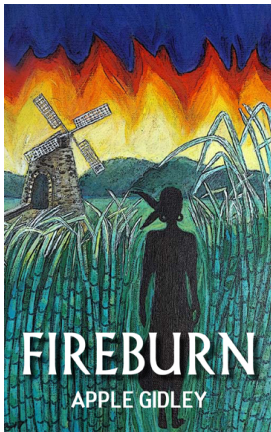
Ruby Takes Chicago, is the sequel to *Rise! A Girl's Struggle for More*. It's now the 1920s, and a young Ruby Dinsmore leaves her hometown of Oilton, Oklahoma and heads for Chicago to make her dreams come true. In the first book, Ruby, born in 1904, grows up wanting to be a businesswoman and does everything she can to make it happen. Ruby's family realizes her dreams can only come true in a larger town where a young woman with a college education would be accepted in the workforce. Once in Chicago, Ruby is surprised to learn that, even in a big city, society as a whole is still reluctant to accept women working outside the home. Determined to stay true to herself, she takes on the challenges of life in tumultuous times of prohibition, protests, and

women's rights marches. Ruby meets like-minded women, and together they break through the barriers until Ruby lands the perfect job; all amidst discovering the joys of life and love, and heartbreak...and love again.

"Step back to the time of 'The Charleston', speakeasies, and the Jazz Age as one fearless young woman navigates the changing social mores, economic opportunities, and mindset of the 1920s in America. A page-turning fictionalized account of a trailblazing independent woman." Aimee Ravichandran, *Abundantly Social*

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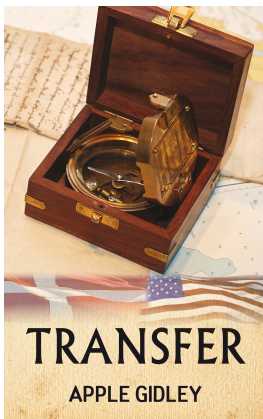
Historical Fiction



Fireburn, Apple Gidley
ISBN: 978-0-9952841-1-1 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$20.99, USD\$15.99

The Danish-owned island of 1870s Saint Croix vibrates with passion and tension as Anna Clausen, a young Anglo-Danish woman, returns to her childhood home after her mother's death. Her heart sinks at what she finds on arrival. Her father is ailing and desolate and her beloved plantation, Anna's Fancy, which has been in the Clausen family for three generations, is in shambles. The unwelcome lust of one man and forbidden love for another makes Anna's return to Saint Croix even more turbulent. Despite the decline in the sugar industry, she is determined to retain Anna's Fancy but must first win the trust of her field workers, of Sampson the foreman, and the grudging respect of Emiline the cook and local weed woman. *Fireburn* tells of the horrors of a little-known, bloody period of Caribbean history. Anna weathers personal heartache as she challenges the conventions of the day, and survives the worker rebellion of 1878, 30 years after Emancipation.

"Rich in description, *Fireburn* is a well-researched novel that shines a light on a historic period in Saint Croix that has received little attention in literature until now." Gillian Royes, *The Goat Woman of Largo Bay*

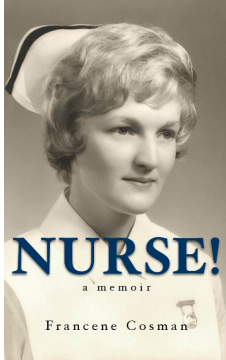


Transfer, Apple Gidley
ISBN: 989-1-9990156-0-2 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$20.99, USD\$15.99

Transfer traces the lives of those on Anna's Fancy, the Clausen estate on Saint Croix in the Danish West Indies, handed down through three generations. An historical novel and the sequel to *Fireburn*, *Transfer* sees Niels Clausen, the illegitimate child of a Danish landowner and his black mistress who both died as a result of the 1878 worker revolt, leave his adoptive mother's sugar plantation and sail to England to continue his education. With the help of Toby, a British aristocrat, Ivy, a lady's maid turned lady and her botanist husband, Timothy, Niels challenges the perceptions on the streets of London of a black man at the turn of the 20th century. His development as a writer and political protagonist continues as he travels to Denmark and France where he meets up with childhood friends, Javier and Fabiana Gomez, before returning to Saint Croix. The Danish West Indies face an uncertain future as the declining sugar industry lessens Denmark's interest in their colonial outpost. Niels becomes increasingly involved in the future of the islands as war looms and concerns grow that Germany might covet a presence in the Caribbean.

"An evocative, touching story of intertwined lives that draws you in." Tony Riches, *The Tudor Trilogy*

Memoir



***Nurse! A Memoir*, Francene Cosman**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-30-8 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$21.99, USD\$15.99 (paperback)

The summer of 1959 promises to stretch slowly forward, with one exception. The looming deadline, of entering the Saint John General Hospital school of nursing as a probationer student, interrupts the worry-free days with a nagging doubt. Is nursing the right choice? Self-doubt is mingled with preparation in advance of the date of entry while Francene gets more jittery as the day approaches. She was born to nurse but did not know it yet.

This is a coming-of-age story as a young woman prepares to take on the challenges of a disciplined profession. Written with humour and compassion, the memoir explores what it takes to learn the art and science of nursing. The demands of work, private life, and study are all described as you follow along in her footsteps.

“A compelling read for anyone who would love to take a nostalgic journey into the life and training of a nurse. Francene’s passion for her profession shines through this vivid nursing memoir.”

Margie Whitehouse, RN (retired)



***Giving Voice to My Silence*, Montaha Hidefi**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-19-3 (paperback)

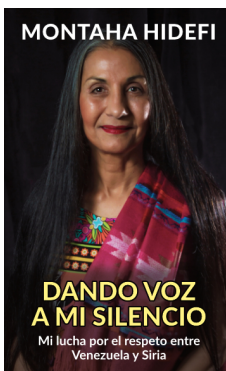
Suggested retail: CAN\$19.99, USD\$15.99 (paperback)

An inspiring, truthful story of self-determination, resilience, and transformation of a woman who suffered mental manipulation, physical violence, and prejudice as a child in her country of birth, Venezuela, and struggled as a young woman against intimidation, social rejection and restrictions while getting through with cultural shock and even murder attempts in Syria, the country of her parents.

By sharing her journey of coping with mental health and grappling with internal demons that resulted into phobias and rebellion to break long-standing traditions and become an accomplished woman, the author inspires and motivates the reader to overcome their own obstacles and build the life they desire.

“Outstanding story! The inspiration is in believing in yourself and not taking the cruelty inflicted on you like a wounded animal. The author showed resourcefulness at a young age and sets an example for marginalized girls.”

Sandra Leigh, *speaker, author, and coach specializing in relationship intelligence, St. Catharines, Canada*



***Dando voz a mi silencio* (Spanish), Montaha Hidefi**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-18-6 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$19.99, USD\$15.99

La desgarradora historia real de autodeterminación, resiliencia y transformación de Montaha Hidefi que de niña sufrió manipulación mental, violencia física e injusticia en su país de nacimiento, Venezuela, y de joven tuvo que luchar contra la intimidación, el rechazo social y las restricciones mientras atravesaba un choque cultural e incluso intentos de asesinato en Siria, el país de sus padres.

Al compartir su lucha para normalizar su salud mental y superar los demonios internos que resultaron en fobias y rebeldías para romper patrones sociales y convertirse en mujer consumada, la autora proporciona inspiración y motivación para ayudar al lector a superar sus propios obstáculos y construir la vida que desea.

“Este libro se lee maravillosamente. Me encanta el tono. La profundidad de los detalles es rica y evocadora. El ritmo avanza, pero se detiene donde es necesario, cuando la autora explora el pasado. La emoción es tan fuerte y palpable que la autora lleva al lector con ella a través de su historia”.

Levin Chin, *diseñador, investigador, Basilea, Suiza*

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By the Light of the Crescent Moon, Ailsa Keppie

ISBN: 978-1-989833-09-4 (paperback), ISBN: 978-1-989833-10-0 (ebook)

Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99 (paperback) USD\$18.99

When Ailsa Keppie puts on the hijab for the first time, it solidifies her commitment to her new, chosen religion. She gives up the lights and action of the circus for the position of wife and mother, learns Arabic, and moves to Morocco. A new mother living in a strange country, under foreign rules, Ailsa experiences isolation and racism, as well as romance and sisterhood, in her quest to fit in with her new community. She welcomes another wife into her marriage hoping to experience the peace and joy of a pious life. As the story progresses, cracks appear in her relationships. Things are not as blissful as Ailsa would have others believe. We are drawn into her inner struggle, often seeing the folly of her choices, but championing her to prevail. Torn between her inner voices of duty, shame, longing, and hope, she is determined to find the light that will get her through darkening times.

"Ailsa has written a deeply moving journey of her life path—from Christianity to Islam; from circus performer to homemaker; from a woman serving her husband to an independent life." Susan Kanor, MA, CBT, IIBA International Trainer



I Am NOT!, Rachel Boehm

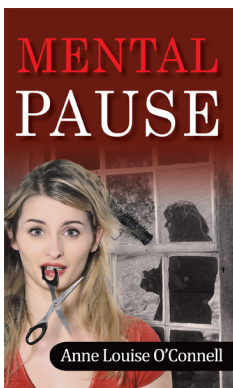
ISBN: 978-1-989833-00-1 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$21.99, USD\$15.95

When enough of the world comes at you, telling you you're nothing, you believe. You become what you believe. You become until the pain of becoming is too great to bear. You constantly ask yourself: What if I don't know the answer? What if I'm wrong? What if they know I'm wrong? What if they laugh? What if fearing failure makes you fail? You're faced with a choice. To stay. Or to change. Or to end. If you're lucky, enough love begins seeping through, lighting a path to change. This is the story of *I Am NOT!*, a memoir of triumph over verbal and emotional abuse, bullying, disordered eating, and societal norms. A journey of self-deprecation and the promise of continued growth. An anecdotal warning of the challenges kids, teens, and adults still face today.

"Brutally honest, beautifully empowering, and haunting in how many of our own lives' bits and pieces we can see in Rachel's journey." Kristen Caldwell, High School Library Media Specialist

Mystery



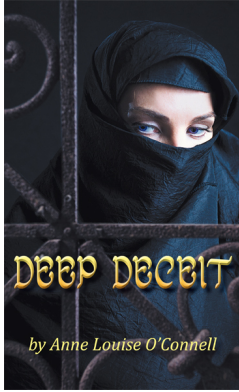
Mental Pause, Anne Louise O'Connell

ISBN: 978-0-9849272-2-7 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$9.99, USD\$8.99 (paperback)

Abigail Slocum, a forty-something, middle of the road, housewife, and mother of teenage twin boys, tries desperately to keep her outwardly idyllic life together while spiraling into a dark pit of menopausal insanity. Her mind races with suicidal, murderous thoughts so outside of her normal character that it frightens her. The only person she can share the graphic images from her hormonally addled mind with is her best friend, Rachel, recently separated, and the mysterious and titillating Joan, from Rachel's singles support group. Women have survived this female passage of life since the beginning of time! Why was Abbie having so much trouble handling it? As the battle to maintain her sanity rages on, Abbie, Rachel and Joan stumble into unfortunate, borderline comical, circumstances that lead to a wild night, and a suspicious death. Abbie's cop husband, Conrad, tries to understand what's happening to his sweet wife. While vying for promotion, the entire family gets embroiled in a media frenzy that swirls around a murder trial in which Abbie is the primary suspect.

"Love, attraction, hot flashes, pending empty nest, sizzling nights, surprising twists and missteps galore! O'Connell has written a fun novel about one menopausal woman's desire to let her hair down, and the trouble that can result." Linda A. Janssen, *The Emotionally Resilient Expat*



Deep Deceit, Anne Louise O'Connell

ISBN: 978-1-32-059728-9 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$18.99, USD\$15.99 (paperback)

When Celeste Parker's daughter Tamara goes missing in Dubai the all-out search and rescue mission she anticipates never materializes. She is put off by the police as 18-year-old Tamara is technically an adult, and no foul play is apparent. Celeste faces the gut-wrenching fear every mother dreads... the possibility of losing a child.

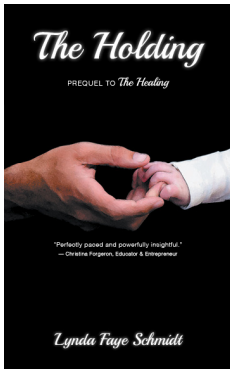
The longer Tamara is missing the more her feelings of dread escalate. Celeste's maternal instinct tells her something is terribly wrong. New to the city and with her husband away working in Saudi Arabia, Celeste turns to her new friend and fellow expat, Susan Morris, for help. The duo set off on a hunt, which takes them down a dark alley of deep deceit. From exotic nightclubs and high-class call girls to mysterious Saudi palaces hidden behind ominous walls, they follow each lead while uncovering the unthinkable. As they come closer

to finding Tamara, the secrets Celeste and Susan uncover threaten not only her daughter's life but everyone in their families' as well.

"Gripping storyline filled with tension and masterfully brought to an edge-of-the-seat crescendo."

Jae De Wyde, *The Thinking Tank and Sleeping People Lie*

Women's Fiction



The Holding, Lynda Faye Schmidt

ISBN: 978-1-989833-16-2 (paperback)

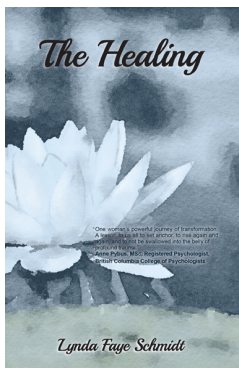
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$18.99 (paperback)

The Holding, is a prequel to *The Healing*. Based on true events, the story takes us back to the beginning, where Cate Henderson is born in a small prairie town in Saskatchewan, Canada. Six weeks premature, baby Cate is tiny, but feisty and determined. Even as an infant, Cate's radiant smile lights up a room. But the heart of this novel is the relationship that unfolds between Cate and her father, William.

An emotional read, *The Holding* delves into both harsh realities and healing journeys. From childhood abuse and bullying to the power of love to transform, it is a story of resilience, a father's devotion, and an unbreakable bond between father and daughter that will have the reader engaged right up to the last scene.

"Lynda Faye Schmidt invites readers into a close examination of a life filled with troubles and triumphs. Follow the protagonist Cate through her youth, adolescence and early adulthood as she builds resilience during life's stages as a daughter, friend, survivor, spouse, parent and caregiver. While Cate's journey holds surprises, what we ultimately see is how her scars fortify her."

Alison DeLory, author of *Making it Home*



The Healing, Lynda Faye Schmidt

ISBN: 978-1-989833-06-3 (paperback),

Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99 (paperback) USD\$18.99

Based on true events, *The Healing* is the story of Cate Henderson who, after twenty-six years in an abusive relationship, sets out on a quest to find healing. Cate packs up everything she owns and leaves Calgary on an odyssey westward, to Vancouver Island, where her ever-present journal and the abundance of nature become the foundation of her self-recovery. She yearns for something deeper and then, when she isn't looking, she finds love with the solid and virtuous Ethan. Cate thinks his steady love is what she is searching for, but soon realizes she needs to do her own work, that love for herself is the key.

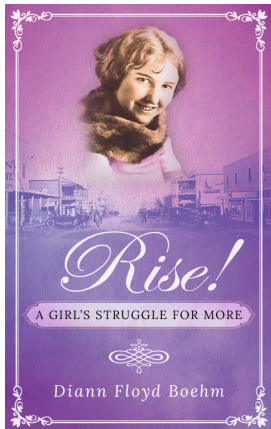
"The Healing is a powerful story that captures the true essence of courage and personal transformation." Lynn Lambert M.S.W., R.S.W.



The Holding & The Healing Companion Journal, Lynda Faye Schmidt – Guided Journal – Oct. 2022
ISBN: 978-1-989833-25-4 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$18.99

The Holding & The Healing Companion Journal integrates the influences of others with the author's own unique twists. Divided into four sections, the first two sections explore messages and inquiry derived from her novels, *The Holding* and *The Healing*. Section three is about uncovering your authentic self and the final section is about living your authentic life by applying what you've learned. It is the author's hope that writing in this journal ignites your curiosity, gives you a stronger sense of self, and provides you with more tools to live your life with even greater courage than you ever have before.

Young Adult (YA)

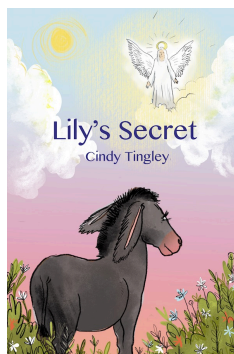


Rise! A Girl's Struggle for More, Diann Floyd Boehm
ISBN: 978-1-989833-11-7 (paperback); 978-1-989833-13-1 (paperback – dyslexia friendly version),
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99 (paperback regular), USD\$18.99
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Rise! is an old-fashioned, historical family drama—a sweet, yet edgy, coming of age story. Set in the 1920s, it is based on the life of the author's grandmother. The main character, Ruby Pearl, is mature beyond her years, born at least a decade too soon. Growing up in a family of nine children in Oilton, Oklahoma, with her nose constantly in a book, she's the girl who would rather read than can tomatoes. Ruby studies hard to make good grades, while her parents humor her. They encourage the courtship with her beau, Arthur, who they expect will be their son-in-law when the two graduate from high school. Ruby has loftier goals than that. She admires her momma and big sister, Rilla, the "CEOs of the household," and hopes to have children and a home of her own to manage someday, but first things first!

"You will fall in love with Ruby and her dream to be educated and have a career in the 1920's. Boehm beautifully captures the changing times of a horse and buggy town, with the arrival of automobiles, new dress styles, and courtships. I am proud to have a heartwarming story written about our town." Kathy Dupee, Curator and Founder, Oilton Historical Society

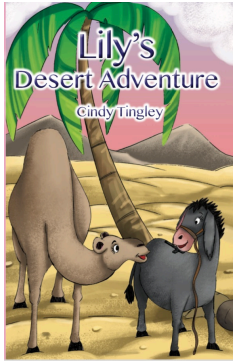
First Chapter Books



Lily's Secret, Cindy Tingley - a bible story
ISBN: 978-0-9952841-6-6 (paperback - book 1 in series)
Suggested retail: CAD\$12.99, USD\$9.99

This is the story of a little donkey named Lily, who has a secret! One day Lily is visited by an angel, who tells her of a child, a Saviour, who will be born and Lily is the one chosen to take his mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, to Bethlehem. Lily is frightened because she's been told she's too little to do anything important. She draws strength from her faith and overcomes her fears and self-doubt, to safely carry Mary and Jesus, the unborn child, to their destination.

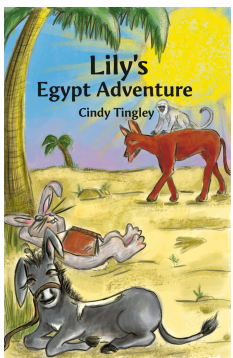
"Cindy Tingley has taken an historical story and woven a delightfully imaginative tale narrated by Lily, a little donkey." Marea Prowse, retired library assistant



Lily's Desert Adventure, Cindy Tingley - a bible story
ISBN: 987-1-9990156-1-9 (paperback – book 2 in series)
Suggested retail: CAD\$12.99, USD\$9.99

Lily's Desert Adventure is the second in the Lily's Adventure series that tells the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of a little donkey named Lily. In the first book, *Lily's Secret*, the carrot-munching, care-free Lily overcomes her initial fear and self-doubt of her ability to fulfill a huge responsibility, to safely carry Mary and Jesus, the unborn child, to Bethlehem. Once Lily successfully completes her task and Baby Jesus had been born, she thinks they can all go home. But when the Wisemen visit the Holy Family, she senses that something has changed. In the darkest hour of the night, Joseph wakes her and says they have to hurry to a strange new land to keep Jesus safe. She is off to the desert, her journey still far from over, and another adventure begins.

"It's a sweetly told tale, based on the biblical journey of Jesus and his parents into Egypt. Cindy has a wonderful ability to engage the reader with her detailed descriptions and delightful writing style. Complete with angels and heart-talking animals, this imaginative story is sure to become a favourite with traditional Christian families." Rev. Anne Hoganson, St. Paul's United Church.

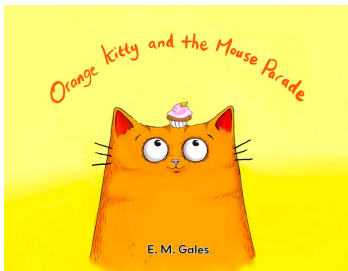


Lily's Egypt Adventure, Cindy Tingley - a bible story
ISBN: 978-1-989833-26-1 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$14.99, USD\$12.99

Lily the Donkey's Adventures with the Holy Family continue as they depart Bethlehem in the dark of night to escape King Herod's clutches. After crossing the desert, they arrive in Egypt and *Lily's Egypt Adventure* unfolds as new and old animal friends join the entourage and learn and share lessons of love, kindness, and forgiveness. Young readers will enjoy this bible 'fan fiction' told from the perspective of Lily, a carrot-munching, feisty donkey, Professor Rakim Rabbit, Red Dog, Yoyo the monkey, lions Kufu and Aziza, camel siblings Daisy and Deca, and more!

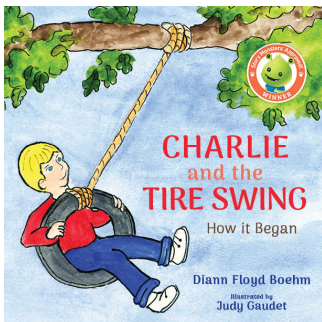
"Tingley speaks to the heart of readers of all ages with a message of hope, freedom and how all creatures great and small can be transformed by the power of God's love."
Darcy Gillis, former Sunday School teacher

Children's Picture Books



Orange Kitty and the Mouse Parade, E.M. Gales
ISBN: 978-1-989833-29-2 (paperback), ISBN: 978-1-989833-28-5 (hard cover)
Suggested retail: CAD\$18.99, USD\$15.99 (paperback), CAD\$29.99, USD\$22.99 (hard cover)

"Orange you glad to discover this joyful book? Buoyant and whimsical it celebrates the world of small while a plump tabby has a snore in the hall. Full of cheeky mice and rhyming verse, it's a fun introduction to numbers. Kids will want to count every mouse in the vivid, intricate illustrations."
Nicola Davison, Author

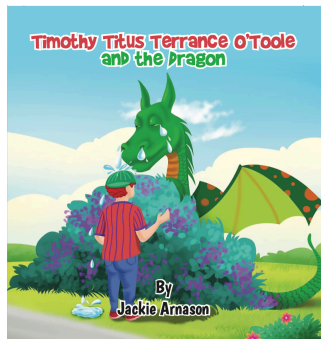


Charlie and the Tire Swing, Diann Floyd Boehm
ISBN: 978-1-989833-22-3 (paperback), 978-1-989833-23-0 (hard cover)
Suggested retail: CAD\$21.99, USD\$17.99 (paperback), CAD\$32.99, USD\$26.99 (hardcover)

Charlie and the Tire Swing is a beautiful intergenerational story told from the perspective of Charlie and his Grandpa Jack. Over a cup of hot chocolate, Charlie's grandfather tells the story of how he planted an acorn with his own grandfather, Charlie's Great-Great Grandpa George, and how he tenderly cared for it and watched it grow, from one season to the next. He shares that over the years, as the acorn grew into a might oak tree, how each generation enjoyed the shade of the tree, climbing it, reading under it, and gathering together as a family around it. It's a story of growing

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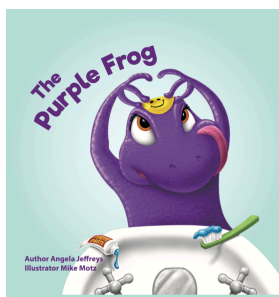


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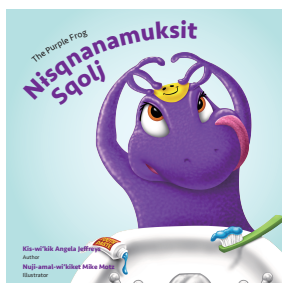


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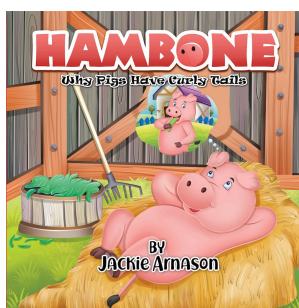


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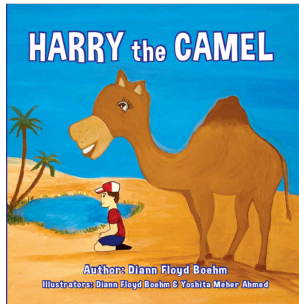


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"A delightful tale to read aloud. Hambone will leave you drooling for pickles!" Kaiti Webb – Children's Library Programmer



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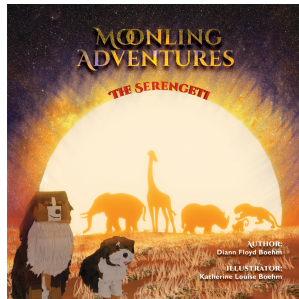
Who better than a camel to lead a lost boy out of the desert? In the end, Harry discovers there is nothing better than being yourself and, for the first time, Harry is proud to be a camel.

"A meaningful message wrapped up in a beautifully told story - my children loved Harry the Camel." Karen Osman, author



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