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**LATEST ADVENTURE OF DREW AND ELLIE
SPREADS HOLIDAY MAGIC**
Saving Christmas Teaches Importance of Giving from the Heart

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – October 7, 2008 – In *Saving Christmas* (now available through TMD Enterprises), Charles Noland’s loveable characters, Drew and Ellie, return for more adventures with the Magical Dress. Just in time for the holidays, this suspenseful chapter book, which is the fourth installment in *The Adventures of Drew and Ellie* series, broaches the subjects of adoption, friendship and helping those in need. In this story, written for children ages five to nine, Drew and Ellie learn the true meaning of sharing the Christmas spirit, and they also discover that giving of themselves can be the best gift they can give.

When their neighbors adopt a little girl from Indonesia, Drew and Ellie make a fast friend in five-year-old Maya. They help her celebrate her first real Christmas by playing in the snow, building a snowman and baking Christmas cookies. Maya is especially thrilled when she receives the Christmas gift she’s always wanted—a *Marvelous Maria* doll, just like Ellie’s. Maya’s excitement is short-lived, however, when an accidental fire destroys her doll on Christmas night.

When Drew and Ellie hear of their friend’s misfortune, they try to find a way to cheer her up. Ellie decides to give Maya her own *Marvelous Maria* doll. After wrapping the gift, Drew and Ellie decide to use the Magical Dress to take the present to their friend’s temporary home.

Once they arrive, their plan falls short when Ellie comes face-to-face with a big black dog. Ellie is afraid of dogs, and soon she gets separated from Drew by wishing herself back home. When she realizes Drew didn’t come with her, she must find the courage to go back and get him, even though it might mean facing the dog again.

Will Ellie be able to get back to Drew? Will they find each other before the dog finds them? Will they be able to return home safely? And will Maya’s Christmas be saved after all?

In this entertaining holiday story, Noland highlights the concept of giving. He knows that many young children who celebrate Christmas are mainly interested in receiving presents. But he wants them to know that the holiday is about giving, too. And that selfless giving can be the best gift yet.

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“I’ve witnessed the innocence of a child giving a favorite toy to someone who doesn’t have one, and I wanted to recreate that heart-warming moment,” says Noland. He also wanted to teach his readers that if they want to be brave, they need to push through their fears to find their courage.

“Too much fear exists in this world today,” adds Noland. “I wanted to give children one more tool for overcoming it.”

Noland is already busy working on his fifth book, *The Adventures of Drew and Ellie: The Spooky Lighthouse*. In this suspenseful new adventure, Drew and Ellie uncover the mystery of Salty Pete. In the process, they help an elderly woman find a long-lost friend through an act of kindness.

Noland is a business professional with experience in management and sales, as well as an accomplished speaker, engaging storyteller and avid reader. Currently living in Rochester, NY, Noland plans to continue writing children’s adventure stories for many years to come.

Sherri Baker’s black and white illustrations expertly capture the events and emotions the characters experience on their fourth adventure with the Magical Dress. Baker, who currently works as an illustrator and designer in commercial advertising, lives in Rochester, NY. For more information, visit www.drewandellie.com. To obtain review copies of the book or to schedule an interview, please contact Daniel Beerse at 585-330-3191, or dbeerse@tmd-enterprises.com.

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