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THE ADVENTURES OF DREW AND ELLIE: THE MAGICAL DRESS

Children's Book Teaches Problem-Solving Skills and Positive Life Lessons

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – In Charles Noland's new book, *The Adventures of Drew and Ellie: The Magical Dress* (now available through TMD Enterprises), children can join 7-year-old Drew and his 4-year-old sister Ellie as they embark on the greatest adventure of their lives. The first in a series of chapter books written for children ages 4 through 10, *The Magical Dress* is a suspenseful and heartwarming tale of two siblings who rely on each other to get themselves out of a difficult predicament.

When Ellie receives a hand-me-down dress, she discovers it is not only beautiful, but magical, too. One Saturday morning, Drew and Ellie use imagination and a sense of adventure – and the magical dress – to whisk themselves away to a beautiful beach. When they discover the dress has suddenly lost its magical powers, they must use teamwork and logical thinking to find their way safely home.

Throughout their adventure, Drew and Ellie present a positive image of sibling relationships. In an age of materialism, *The Magical Dress* also offers a refreshing spin on the concept of acquiring the latest fashions and trends. After all, it's an ordinary hand-me-down dress that turns out to be the most wonderful gift of all.

This is the first book in a series that will teach children important life lessons about cooperation, creativity and caring for each other. It encourages children to develop their own problem-solving skills as they follow Drew and Ellie on each new adventure with the magical dress. The book is well-paced and easy to follow. In addition, the beautiful black and white illustrations capture the feelings and emotions of the characters as they experience their first adventure with the magical dress.

"I would like young readers to realize that life doesn't have to be filled with gadgets, gizmos and expensive toys for them to have fun," says Noland. "The concept of a second-hand dress and a little imagination is all these children need to enjoy themselves."

Noland is a business professional with experience in management and sales. He currently lives in Upstate New York, where he is working on Drew and Ellie's next adventure. Sherri Baker illustrated the book. She 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 Carol Homick at 585-255-0102, or chomick@tmd-enterprises.com

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