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“BELIEVING IN HORSES, TOO” HITS THE STANDS TO RAVE REVIEWS

Bowie, Md. – September 2014—Readers have responded to author Valerie Ormond’s “Believing In Horses, Too,” with enthusiasm, five star reviews, and a Gold Medal from the Military Writers Society of America.

“[Believing In Horses, Too](#)” tells the story of a young girl, Sadie Navarro, a member of a military family. Sadie worries about her Navy father serving in Afghanistan and turns to her love of horses to distract her from her problems. But Sadie learns that both competition and equine-assisted therapy work also present challenges, and Sadie must find courage to achieve her goals.

Father Ron Carmada said, “Ormond allows her 13-year-old heroine to realistically grow up with the help of honest parents, teachers, mentors, and bullies. Yes, bullies and antagonists can offer great opportunities for growth.”

Ormond’s book includes numerous local organizations including Loftmar Stables, Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc., the Caisson Platoon Equine Assisted Programs, Freedom Hill Horse Rescue, Days End Farm Horse Rescue, the Prince George’s Equestrian Center, and more.

Ormond is a local horsewoman, Secretary of the Maryland Horse Council, a Certified Horsemanship Association certified instructor, and horse owner and rider. She retired as a naval officer and manages her own small business, Veteran Writing Services, LLC.

“Believing In Horses, Too” is the standalone sequel to “Believing In Horses.” Both books are published by J.B. Max Publishing, a small press based in Vancouver, British Columbia. “Believing In Horses” focuses on horse rescue and highlights volunteerism and life in military families.

Both books won Gold Medals in Young Adult books from the Military Writers Society of America (MWSA), among other awards. About Ormond’s latest book, MWSA’s lead reviewer, Jim Greenwald said, “A country whose children are engaged has a future. Sadie, the main character is the poster child for engaged... In a time where children are dismissed as unimportant, lazy or simply overly attached to their electronic world, Sadie demonstrates page after page what hard work and relentless effort can attain.”

Ormond speaks to audiences about her books, writing, and life in the military including recent appearances at the Annapolis Book Festival, the American Horse Publications Seminar, the

Military Writers Society of America Conference, Loftmar Stables' Summer Camps, and local schools.

“Believing In Horses. Too” is available via the author’s web site, and retail outlets listed on that site including Dover Saddlery. For more information, or to order the book, please visit www.BelievingInHorses.com.

About Valerie Ormond:

Valerie Ormond retired as a naval intelligence officer and now writes and speaks to audiences sharing lessons learned. Besides her award-winning Believing In Horses books, Valerie’s non-fiction stories have appeared in numerous books and magazines. She is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of [Veteran Writing Services, LLC](#), is a member of the first [National Women Veterans Speakers Bureau](#), and a strong supporter of the military and Veterans.

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