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HORSE BOOK GALLOPS INTO HISTORY

Believing In Horses receives national recognition

For the first time in history, the Military Writers Society of America nominated a horse book for one of its most prestigious awards. <u>Believing In Horses</u> tells the story of a young girl in a military family committed to saving unwanted horses. American Horse Publications member and author Valerie Ormond served 25 years in the U.S. Navy, and used her experiences in the military, with horses, and with people, to write the story.

The lead reviewer for the Military Writers Society of America, Jim Greenwald, said, "The overarching story is one of change and how a young girl rises above hardship to help horses." Greenwald continued, "Ormond has spun a story that inspires."

Military Writers Society of America (MWSA) nominated Believing In Horses for awards in the categories of Young Adult and the Founder's Award. Per the MWSA: "The Founder's Award selects the book that most represents the values of the MWSA organization—it must be well-written, inspiring, and end on a hopeful note." Only three books of the 80 nominees for 2012 are in consideration for this award. Believing In Horses is the only fiction book in the Founder's category, and is the only horse book nominated in the awards' history. The final winners will be announced at the MWSA annual conference in Dayton, OK, Sep. 29, 2012.

For additional details and a MWSA press release, please see "Military Writers Society of America Announces 2012 Award Nominees:" http://www.prweb.com/releases/prweb2012/8/prweb9748424.htm.

For MWSA's full book review, please see: http://www.mwsadispatches.com/node/805.

For a media kit with photos, please see http://BelievingInHorses.com, or contact the author at Valerie@believinginhorses.com, or (443)994-5651.

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About Believing In Horses

Believing In Horses (J.B. Max Publishing, 2011) tells the story of a strong-willed young girl in a military family who commits to saving unwanted horses destined for auction. The 195-page Middle Grade/Young Adult novel has received numerous awards and is available via the Independent Publishers Group for distribution. For additional information, please see http://BelievingInHorses.com.