

## Valerie Ormond

Valerie Ormond retired as a naval intelligence officer and now writes and speaks to audiences sharing lessons learned. Her first novel, "[Believing In Horses](#)," won the Military Writers Society of America Gold Medal for Young Adult Books; the Gold Medal for Children's Literature in the Stars and Flags Book Awards; the Parent Tested Parent Approved Best Product and Official Winners Seal of Approval; and additional awards and recognition. Her next novel, "Believing In Horses, Too," is scheduled for a Spring 2014 release.

Valerie's non-fiction stories have appeared in numerous books. She holds memberships in writing organizations including American Horse Publications, the Military Writers Society of America, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and the Accokeek Women Writers Group. She helps coordinate and is one of the judges of the annual Voice For The Horse Foundation's Children's International Writing Competition.

She is a member of the first [National Women Veterans Speakers Bureau](#), a lifetime member of the Naval Intelligence Professionals and Disabled American Veterans, and a strong supporter of the military and veterans. She also owns and rides horses and serves as Secretary of the Maryland Horse Council, an organization representing 35,000 horse people in her home state.

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