

Wondrous Willow

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Leaning in closer, she whispered, "You may even be ridiculed—which is why you must decide if you can be braver than you've ever been in your whole life."

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WHAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL?

Once there was an auspicious little butterfly who lived on the side of a very steep mountain. How Willow had come to be born on the side of this particular mountain was a great mystery to her for there hadn't been an Old World Swallowtail since the previous century. Yet, she felt sure it was for a very special reason that she was there. Until she began to doubt . . .

Christine Horner and Joey McGrellis take us on a courageous journey of the heart as Willow, marveling at her wondrous existence, explores life, death, unlikely heroes, and a miracle when a man-made fire changes her mountain home forever.

ILLUSTRATOR: JOEY MCGRELLIS

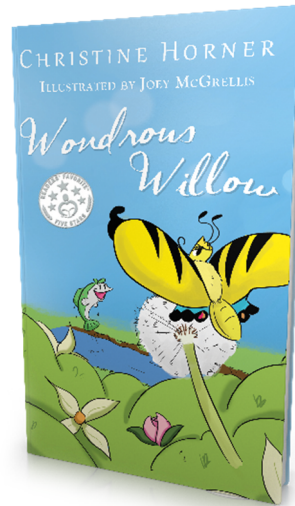


Joey McGrellis, 17, is an animator and illustrator who loves to entertain through artwork. He began drawing at a young age and wishes to continue his passion as a career. Head of his high school art club, Joey will pursue a degree in computer animation.

Behind the Story: *Wondrous Willow* was born six years after Christine's 11-year-old daughter, Victoria, was diagnosed with cancer, a brain tumor. Braving surgery, chemo and radiation, her daughter went on to make a full recovery. One night, though Victoria was all "grown up," she asked her mother to tell her a story. After listening to it, she said it had made her cry. Christine knew she had a story worthy of saving and adapting into a children's book.

"I enjoyed this book so much I read it in one sitting. Ms. Horner's story is unique and had a good moral to it. It is very appropriate for boys and girls. A quick interesting read. I especially liked the illustrations by Mr. McGrellis he is very talented and has a great future in illustrating or any field he goes into." ~ **LibraryThing.com Early Reviewer RTamie**

"Wonderful story through and through. And the pictures really allowed for the whole thing to come together. Absolutely a must read." ~ **Amazon Reviewer Kristi J. Hale**



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