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New Children's Book Series Launches Aimed At Providing Positive Influence Mixed With Adventure

Series provides stories steeped in faith, character, and creative thinking instead of gender identity politics.

BISMARCK, ND – North Dakota author Julie R. Neidlinger has published the first in a series of books aimed at kids. The series, *The Mysteries of Whisper Bay*, feature characters who solve mysteries using faith, friendship, and creativity. The first book, *The Crossword Puzzle Mystery*, has just been released.

“I wanted to give the reader an example of kids who weren’t sitting in front of screens all day,” Neidlinger said. “These characters have a sense of adventure without the story veering into fantasy.”

According to Neidlinger, her goal was to create stories that weren’t set in magical or pretend realms, but instead in a more realistic setting so young readers could see that real life needs heroes, too. She wanted to introduce words and hobbies that the reader might not be familiar with, hoping to inspire them to try new things. Without defining it overtly, the books are set in the early to mid 1980s, a time when the internet and mobile devices weren’t around.

“Some of the books kids have available to them today aren’t a positive influence,” Neidlinger said. “The characters in these mysteries model behavior like honesty, loyalty, kindness, and most importantly, their Christian faith. They learn how to build friendships and relate to their family. They also make bad decisions at times and have to face the consequences of it.”

North Dakota readers will see place names they recognize sprinkled throughout the series. Neidlinger, a lifelong resident of North Dakota, wanted to include the names and places of North Dakota in the books, though the series is not specifically set in the state.

For young readers who are reading chapter books, or who enjoy mysteries, these books are written with them in mind. Find out more at <https://mysteriesofwhisperbay.com/>

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