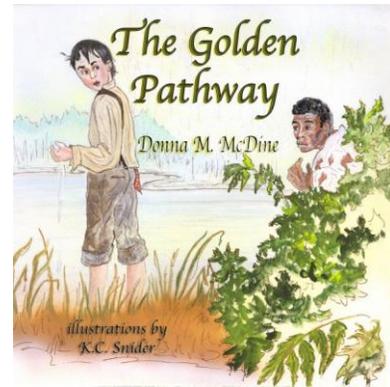


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Underground Railroad children's story book *The Golden Pathway* earns the Literary Classics Seal of Approval

Tappan, New York – Donna McDine's children's book, *The Golden Pathway* has been awarded the Literary Classics Seal of Approval in the Picture Book – Early Reader category.

A word from Children's Literary Classics

The Golden Pathway, written by Donna M. McDine and illustrated by KC Snider, is an inspiring story of a young boy, named David, who helps his father's slave escape to freedom. Day after day, David watches from a distance as his alcoholic father brutally and mercilessly beats their slave, Jenkins, who is just a boy himself. David knows all too well that the beatings will only continue and becomes concerned that Jenkins may not survive the onslaught of physical abuse. Eventually David finds a way, with the aid of those operating the Underground Railroad, to help Jenkins escape his life of slavery and affliction.

The Golden Pathway is a tale of compassion and courage. This book earns the Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval, a designation reserved for those books which uphold the rigorous criteria set forth by the Children's Literary Classics review committee, a team comprised of individuals with backgrounds in publishing, editing, writing, illustration and graphic design.

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About the Author

Donna McDine is an award-winning children's author, Honorable Mention in the 77th and two Honorable Mentions in the 78th Annual *Writer's Digest* Writing Competitions, Preditors & Editors Readers Poll 2010 Top Ten Children's Books, Global eBook Awards Finalist Children's Picture Book Fiction, and Literary Classics Seal of Approval Picture Book Early Reader ~ *The Golden Pathway*.

Her stories, articles, and book reviews have been published in over 100 print and online publications. Her interest in American History resulted in writing and publishing *The Golden Pathway*. Donna has three more books under contract with Guardian Angel Publishing, *Hockey Agony*, *Powder Monkey*, and *A Sandy Grave*. She writes, moms and is the Editor-in-Chief for Guardian Angel Kids and Publicist for the Children's Writers' Coaching Club from her home in the historical hamlet Tappan, NY. McDine is a member of the SCBWI and Musing Our Children.

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About the Illustrator

K.C. Snider, a prominent Oregon artist, has branched out into a variety of styles and subjects. Her collection of oil paintings, lithographs, and pencil drawings include the All-American Cowboy and Cowgirl and their historical lifestyles with magnificent wolves, buffalo herds, eagles and birds of prey along with horses and domestic animals. Her artwork has won numerous awards including the Snaffle Bit Award and the Pioneer Award.

Snider lives in the high desert with majestic views of the Cascade Mountains' snow capped peaks. K.C. also illustrates children's books: *Alleycat*; *The Christmas Angel*; *Preston, the Not-So-Perfect Pig*; *One Family's Christmas*; *Cartwheel Annie*; *The Magic Violin*; *Does Heaven Get Mail?*; *Andy & The Albino Horse Series*; *Baby Jesus is Missing' Katydidn't*; *A Short Tale About a Long Tail*; *Monster Maddie*; *RV Mouse & Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind*.

A three piece triptych from the second book in the *Andy & the Albino Horse Series* won 1st Place in The Western Art Roundup 2008 and another *Andy* story triptych won 2nd Place in The Western Art Roundup 2009.

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