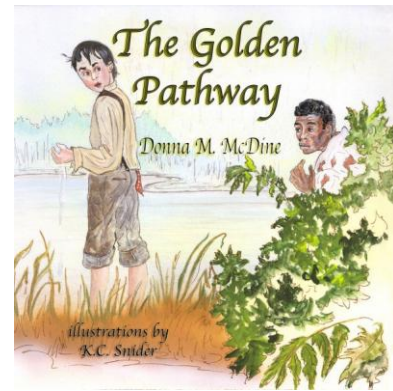


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## For Immediate Release

### Underground Railroad children's story book *The Golden Pathway* announced as Literary Classics 2011 Silver Award Recipient

October 14, 2011 - Tappan, New York – Donna McDine's children's book, *The Golden Pathway* has been announced as Literary Classics 2011 Silver Award Recipient – Early Reader category.

Literary Classics announced its 2011 selection of top books for children and young adults today. Award recipients were selected from entries received throughout the world. The Literary Classics selection committee is proud to recognize the following titles in children's and young adult literature which exemplify the criteria set forth by the Literary Classics Awards committee.

A list of the 2011 award recipients can be viewed at: [www.clcawards.org](http://www.clcawards.org).

#### **PICTURE BOOK - EARLY READER**

Gold Award Recipient - *Wacky Jacky: The True Story of An Unlikely Beauty Queen*, written by Jaclyn Stapp, illustrated by Kristine Lucco

Silver Award Recipient - *The Golden Pathway*, written by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by K.C. Snider

Literary Classics, an organization dedicated to furthering excellence in literature, takes great pride in its role to help promote classic children's literature which appeals to youth, while educating and encouraging positive values in the impressionable young minds of future generations. Judging is based upon the criteria set forth by Literary Classics' highly selective awards committee which honors books promoting character, vision, creativity and learning, through content which possesses the key elements found in well-crafted literature.

The Literary Classics judging committee consists of experts with backgrounds in publishing, writing, editing, design, illustration, and book reviewing. To learn more about Literary Classics, visit their website at [www.literaryclassicsawards.com](http://www.literaryclassicsawards.com).

***The Golden Pathway* synopsis:**

Be transported through time to the Underground Railroad, where high-pitched screams echo each night. David's cruel Pa always chooses the same victim. Despite the circumstances during slavery, David uncovers the courage to defy his Pa.

Raised in a hostile environment where abuse occurs daily, David attempts to break the mold and befriends the slave, Jenkins, owned by his Pa. Fighting against extraordinary times and beliefs, David attempts to lead Jenkins to freedom with no regard for his own safety and possible consequences dealt out by his Pa.

***The Golden Pathway* purchasing information:**

Guardian Angel Publishing [www.guardianangelpublishing.com/pathway.htm](http://www.guardianangelpublishing.com/pathway.htm) or for autographed copies visit award-winning children's author Donna McDine [www.donnamcdine.com](http://www.donnamcdine.com). As an added bonus, orders placed through Guardian Angel Publishing or the author will include *The Golden Pathway* teacher's guide eBook.

Thank you for your time and interest.

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