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DREW AND ELLIE RETURN FOR A WINTRY ADVENTURE
...and Discover the Secret the Snowman Holds

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – In *The Adventures of Drew and Ellie: The Missing Medal* (now available through TMD Enterprises), Charles Noland’s fun-loving characters, Drew and Ellie, return for their third adventure with the magical dress. In this suspenseful chapter book, the children use the magical dress to help Drew find his way out of another tricky situation. Continuing in the tradition of *The Magical Dress* – the first book in the series written for children ages four to ten – Drew and Ellie learn the importance of telling the truth as they face a challenging moral dilemma.

When the children’s grandparents come for a visit, Drew’s grandfather shows him one of his most prized possessions – his Eagle Scout medal. Drew, who aspires to be an Eagle Scout himself someday, asks if he can borrow the medal to show a friend. When his grandfather agrees, Drew promises to be extra careful with the cherished keepsake.

After the first snowstorm of the season, Drew and Ellie spend the day off from school building a snowman near their friend Sanjay’s house. Although Drew promised his grandfather he’d take good care of the medal, he decides to bring it along to show his friend.

Later in the day, Drew panics when he can’t find the medal. Ellie suggests they use the magical dress to wish it back, but they soon discover their favorite hand-me-down doesn’t always do the trick. When they decide to return to the field near Sanjay’s house, they discover what the snowman knows...and find what they were looking for.

Although he is relieved to have the medal back, Drew wrestles with what to do once his grandparents return. Should he keep the truth to himself – and hope his mother does the same – or should he tell his grandfather what really happened?

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Throughout this thought-provoking tale, Drew and Ellie learn valuable lessons about honesty, integrity and trust. But *The Missing Medal* also reinforces the ideal of living up to the expectations of those whom we respect. “As I started working on the storyline, I wanted to show children how important it is to be true to their word,” says Noland. “And when I started thinking about being trustworthy, it immediately brought the principles of Scouting to mind. I was a Boy Scout myself, and one of my proudest achievements is having reached the rank of Bronze Palm Eagle. I think it’s important to show children how to develop character as they work to achieve a goal.”

Noland is already busy working on his fourth book, *The Adventures of Drew and Ellie: Saving Christmas*. This heartwarming story centers on the concepts of generosity, compassion and loyalty, as well as the true meaning of Christmas. The book introduces a new character, Maya, an orphan girl from Indonesia who lost her family in a tsunami. Drew and Ellie use the magical dress to do a good deed for their new friend, and find themselves in another puzzling predicament when their selfless plan goes slightly awry.

Noland is a business professional with experience in management and sales, as well as an award-winning speaker, engaging storyteller and avid reader. A native and resident of Rochester, N.Y., Noland plans to continue writing children’s adventure stories for many years to come.

Tom Moyer’s black and white illustrations expertly capture the events and emotions the characters experience on their third adventure with the magical dress. Moyer, who currently works as a graphic designer for an advertising agency, as well as a freelance illustrator, lives in Rochester, NY.

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