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Michigan Award Winning Author Releases Fourth Book in Children's Series

Dana Lehman writes children's books that teach life lessons. She is honored to be a recipient of The Mom's Choice Award, A competition that recognizes family-friendly media and products. *Adventures at Walnut Grove: A Lesson about Teasing*, *I DOUBLE Dare You!* and *Remember When...* are all recipients of this prestigious award. "I am proud to have my books included with all of The Mom's Choice Award recipients. I feel that books are a wonderful opportunity to discuss social issues with children," she said.

Her newest release, *Remember When...* deals with the subject of loss. "It was a tough book for me to write and presented a lot of challenges. In fact, I started writing this book four years ago," she said. Dana lost her dad from cancer when she was fifteen years old. "I wanted to write about loss without actually losing any characters or discussing religion, and I found a way to accomplish that." She wrote about what helped her get through one of the most difficult times of her life: spending time with family and friends and staying busy. "I am hoping the book will help children that have experienced some type of loss discuss how they are feeling with a relative or a friend." Sammy and his friends reminisce about the past and all of the good times they shared with Whopper (a frog) throughout the story. "The good memories of time spent with my dad help me get through tough days." This story may discuss the subject of loss but no characters died in the making of this story. Frogs hibernate for the winter. *Remember When...* is a heartwarming story about friendship and compassion. "I think children will be pleasantly surprised with the end of the story."

Dana has spoken to numerous children about the many life lessons in her stories at the Macomb Intermediate School District. She participates in a program called ASK. In the ASK process, teachers read her books to their students. Then the students write in their journal about their perceptions on what is happening to the characters in the book. Students develop questions based on their journals that they would like to ask Dana. Finally, using video conferencing technology, they connect Dana to the students who then get a chance to ask their questions.

Remember When...

Winter break in Walnut Grove was going to be sensational this year! Cold temperatures and ten inches of freshly fallen snow were perfect conditions for snowboarding and ice fishing. But there was problem: Bucky's pet frog, Whopper, was missing. Bucky and his friends had looked everywhere for Whopper, but he was nowhere to be found. Sammy was determined to help Bucky feel better. But Sammy and his friends soon realize that cheering up a friend when they have lost someone they love is not an easy task. Will snowboarding and ice fishing help to make Bucky feel better? Will Sammy and his friends find Whopper? Learn how friendship and compassion will help Bucky overcome his worries by reading Sammy and his friends' next adventure at Walnut Grove.

Adventures at Walnut Grove: A Lesson about Teasing

Adventures at Walnut Grove: A Lesson about Teasing is a story about Sammy, a squirrel who is teased because he has eyes like a raccoon. Sammy knows that name-calling is not nice, but his friends have a valuable lesson to learn. The name-caller soon becomes the one being teased. *Adventures at Walnut Grove* is a story about friends that learn to treat others the way they would like to be treated.

I DOUBLE Dare You!

Sammy's cousins Silly and Sassy, come to Walnut Grove for a visit. Silly and Sassy are always getting into trouble. They play hide-n-seek, have frog races, and play dare or double dare. How does this lead to jumping off a bridge? The book reveals how everyone learns to take responsibility for his or her own actions. They also discover that it's not always wise to follow your friends.

I Can Do It

Sammy enjoys visiting new places, so he decides to take his friends to an enchanted forest called Whispering Willows. Along the way and through Paradise Pond, Bucky realizes that with practice and confidence, he can finally swim! Join Sammy and his friends on a journey that will have them swimming for frogs, swinging through the forest, and building a tree house. Magical things happen in Whispering Willows ... if you believe in yourself! The third book

encourages children to be confident, persistent, and determined, and work one step at a time toward achieving one's dreams and goals.

ABOUT DANA LEHMAN and ILLUSTRATOR JUDY LEHMAN

Dana Lehman resides in Allenton, Michigan with her husband and their two children. She has been a stay-at-home mom for fourteen years. Her children continuously inspire her to write new stories. • Dana was fortunate to have her mother-in-law, Judy Lehman, illustrate her books using watercolors. Judy is a retired elementary school teacher and has been an artist for 40 years. Judy donates her royalties to local charities. She lives in Hubbard Lake, Michigan with her husband.