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Picture book educates children in Constitutional right to protect their liberty

Ventura, California—July 2010—Nordskog Publishing introduces With My Rifle by My Side by Kimberly Jo Simac, their inaugural release in the Young Heart Books imprint. Said publisher Gerald Christian Nordskog: “Young Heart Books encourage the young to seek the Lord in prayer, worship in church, and love the liberties provided by the sacrifices of our country's forefathers so they may grow into tomorrow's American patriots.”

In today's atmosphere of political correctness and leftist idealism, you'll not see many children's books like *With My Rifle by My Side* by Kimberly Jo Simac. Written for children 8 and younger, the book tells two stories at once: A boy's initiation into rifle safety and hunting; and his awakening to the solemn necessity of firearms for preserving personal and national liberty. The young protagonist observes of the founding fathers:

“With their rifles by their sides, they protected their right to be free.

They defended their land, neighbors, towns, and families.”

Through this her fourth children's book, Simac expresses her belief that it is past time for Americans to defend the country that has offered so much to its citizens, beginning with the Second Amendment “Right to Bear Arms.” Said Simac: “We have reaped the bountiful harvest America offers and not sown a single seed. The result is a transformation of America rendering Lady Liberty helpless to defend and protect her people. The Founders predicted such demise if we strayed from the fundamental premise that government should serve the people and not the reverse. Because we have lost sight of our original values, our morals, work ethic, pride, and integrity have been greatly diminished.

“The ‘Right to Bear Arms’ is a fundamental link to the heritage left by our nation's founders. If America is to persist, we must stop indoctrination contrary to the beliefs passed down to us. It is our duty and responsibility to defend the ideals and principles our Constitution was founded upon and restore the link to our heritage. *My Rifle by My Side* teaches children honor and responsibility come with the ownership and handling of guns.”

Of *My Rifle by My Side*, publisher Gerald Christian Nordskog said, “How will American children achieve greatness if no one instills such attributes as courage, integrity, and honesty in their hearts and minds? This book will inspire children to take their place as the future leaders of our nation. It is intended to motivate youngsters to know their gun as companion and defender. This book will also promote the role of the Colonial Minutemen and of all the soldiers who have defended our country throughout history.

In addition to author, Simac is a wife, mother, grandmother, talk radio host, speaker, and conservative activist. She and her husband have reared nine children. She leads the group “Northwoods Patriots” and sponsored Tea Party events.

Illustrator Donna Goeddaeus is an award-winning illustrator and fine art instructor.

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