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Local Author Launches Second in Children's Bible Story Series
-A story that promotes faith in oneself and the power of love-

HALIFAX, NS—October 9, 2019 – OC Publishing will launch Halifax-based author, Cindy Tingley's second book, *Lily's Desert Adventure*, on November 1, 2019 in celebration of All Saint's Day. The story is told through the eyes of a little donkey named Lily and continues the adventure from the first book, *Lily's Secret*.

"Cindy Tingley has taken an historical story and woven a delightfully imaginative tale narrated by Lily, a little donkey," said retired library assistant Marea Prowse. "As Lily, led by Joseph, carries Mary and Baby Jesus across the desert to safety in Egypt she learns many important lessons."

In Tingley's first book, the carrot-munching, care-free Lily overcomes her initial fear and self-doubt of her ability to fulfill a huge responsibility, to take the Holy Family to Bethlehem. Once Lily successfully completes her task, she thinks they can all go home. But, one night, Joseph wakes her and says they have to hurry to a strange new land to keep Jesus safe. She is off to the desert, her journey still far from over, and another adventure begins.

"It's a sweetly told tale, based on the biblical journey of Jesus and his parents into Egypt. Cindy has a wonderful ability to engage the reader with her detailed descriptions and delightful writing style," said Rev. Anne Hoganson, St. Paul's United Church. "Complete with angels and heart-talking animals, this imaginative story is sure to become a favourite with traditional Christian families."

The author continues the theme from the first book of having faith in oneself and in others. "I want the younger readers to realize that even if they're only little they can do anything they put their mind to," said Tingley. "They can decide if they want something, they can go and do it. Nothing should stop them."

The author says the story came from her love for Christ, his mother and for animals. "Animals are very forgiving, they're very constant," Tingley said. "We can learn from animals as I feel we've lost our way because we've lost the art of heart-talk."

Learn more about the 'art of heart-talk' and meet the author at the launch celebration, November 1, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Rd. The author will also be doing a book signing at Chapters Dartmouth (41 Micmac Blvd.) on November 3, from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. For more information visit www.ocpublishing.ca.

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