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Holiday Launch Planned for Late Author's Second Children's Book

REGINA, SK/HALIFAX, NS—November 23, 2021— In December, Regina author Jackie Arnason's second book, *Timothy Titus Terrance O'Toole and the Dragon*, will be published posthumously by Halifax-based OC Publishing.

A beloved storyteller to all those who knew and loved her, she published her first children's book, *Hambone-Why Pigs Have Curly Tails*, in 2020 at the age of 87, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Arnason passed away suddenly in September 2021 but her legacy will live on in the lessons and magical stories she shared through the years.

A prairie girl, born in a small town in Saskatchewan, Arnason's childhood years in the 'Dirty Thirties' were hard but the local library became her haven where she escaped into worlds she could only dream of growing up in Regina. She read voraciously from a young age and made up stories to entertain her younger brothers and sisters.

Her love of storytelling continued when she had children and then grandchildren. Here was a captive audience, so she continued to create fanciful stories that included gentle and imaginative ways of teaching life lessons. *Timothy Titus Terrance O'Toole and the Dragon* is a story of acceptance, tolerance, kindness, and giving back that was written to encourage a childhood friend of her daughter Barbara's, named Timmy, who felt shy and anxious about going to kindergarten.

"We always felt so special when Mom wrote a story just for us or made it relatable to our lives. We appreciated her creativity and admired her life-long dedication to writing of all types. We are so grateful to now be able to share some of her stories beyond just our family, especially now that we are missing her presence day to day," said Trish Krause, Arnason's elder daughter who was inspired to pursue her own career in writing.

In the author's memory, OC Publishing will donate copies of Arnason's books to the Little Free Libraries in both Regina and Halifax.

Learn more about the author at www.ocpublishing.ca/jackie-arnason.html.