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HALIFAX AUTHOR DEBUTS SERIES OF CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORIES

HALIFAX, NS—January 16, 2018—Recently, in celebration of The Feast of the Holy Family, OC Publishing launched, *Lily's Secret*, a book that tells the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, a little differently than usual.

Lily's Secret, by local author, Cindy Tingley, is the first in a series of children's bible stories told from the perspective of Lily, the pint-sized donkey who carries Mary, heavy with child, to the manger where Jesus is born.

"What better time to launch a children's bible story than immediately after the Christmas season?" asked author, Cindy Tingley. "When amidst the bluster of holiday shopping and office parties, it's easy to forget the true meaning of the celebration and that it's not just about one day."

Lily's Secret is the story of a little donkey named Lily, who has a secret. One day Lily is visited by an angel, who tells her of a child, a Saviour, who will be born, and Lily is the one chosen to take his mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, to Bethlehem.

Lily is frightened because she's been told she's too little to do anything important. She draws strength from her faith and overcomes her fears and self-doubt, to safely carry Mary and Jesus, the unborn child, to their destination, and beyond.

Lily's Secret was first written almost 10 years ago but Tingley felt the timing was right to re-launch a revised edition of the book in preparation for her series.

"I hope Lily teaches people that no matter what the circumstance, no matter what life is throwing at you, no matter how small you are or how impossible it seems, things can always work out," said Tingley

Lily's Secret is available now on [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#) or can be ordered through local retail bookstores. For more information on OC Publishing visit www.ocpublishing.ca.