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**Mascot Books Publishes *Angel's Forever Home* By Rita Gigante, Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante, and Donna McDine.**

**Herndon, VA; (March 5, 2019):** Mascot Books announces the release of *Angel's Forever Home* by Rita Gigante, Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante, and Donna McDine.

*In this true story, Angel, a dog who was rescued from a Chilean earthquake, searches for his forever home. Facing his fear of rejection for not being like other dogs, he embarks on a journey that teaches him the importance of patience, courage, and the willingness to open his heart to others.*

Rita Gigante is a sought out psychic medium, spiritual healer, and published author. Her memoir, *The Godfather's Daughter: An Unlikely Story of Love, Healing and Redemption*, was published in 2012. Rita is co-owner of Space of Grace Healing with her wife Bobbie in Tappan, New York.  
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To set up an interview, reading, signing, or for information regarding *Angel's Forever Home* please contact Rita or Bobbie at [spaceofgracehealing@gmail.com](mailto:spaceofgracehealing@gmail.com)

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## *A Story of Patience and Courage*

**An injured dog finds comfort from his rescuer and ultimately with his new family**

(TAPPAN, NEW YORK) – *Angel's Forever Home* is a richly illustrated picture book that takes the reader on the journey of rescue animals in finding their forever homes.

By capturing the inner thoughts of rescue dog, Angel, children are immediately immersed into the world of Angel's quest to find his forever home. Feeling unease of judgment from his injury Angel's journey is an emotional rollercoaster that will have the reader cheering for him each step of the way.

**Synopsis:** Angel knows he is lucky to be one of the few dogs rescued from the Chilean earthquake, but now he finds himself with challenging physical limitations and in need of a new family. Facing his fear of rejection for not being like other dogs, he embarks on a journey that teaches him the importance of patience, courage, and the willingness to open his heart to others.

### **About the authors:**

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# Book Reviews

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### What people are saying...

*Angel's Forever Home* by Donna McDine, Rita Gigante and Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante tackles the heartrending stories of rescued animals who have stories to share with the world. Angel was rescued by American dog rescuer Jill from the Chilean earthquake and was taken to the USA. Angel settled in nicely at Jill's home but he realized that it was not going to be his forever home. Angel's leg needed serious help and he trusted Jill to find him a good forever home. The first couple who came did not want to take Angel because of his leg problem and Angel wondered if anyone would love him enough to take him home. Rita and Bobbie adopted Angel, and he had to undergo surgery where his one leg had to be removed. Once he recovered and was taken home, he met Sara, another dog like him who was recovering from hip surgery. They enjoyed each other's company and lived happily in their forever home.

*Angel's Forever Home* by Donna McDine, Rita Gigante and Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante is a story of unconditional love, kindness, healing, and hope, and the illustrations by Renie De Mase make Angel's feelings tangible. The story, written from the perspective of Angel, is heartwarming and all dog lovers and animal lovers will enjoy this book. It will also help readers learn more about rescue dogs and their feelings, and appreciate all those who give these dogs forever homes. It is a beautiful storybook for classroom storytelling sessions to help children understand love, kindness, and healing. The book will also make a perfect gift for children during the holiday season and on birthdays because of its wonderful content and beautiful message. ~ **Reviewed by Mamta Madhavan for Readers' Favorite**

I bought *Angel's Forever Home* for a friend's children a couple of weeks ago. What a perfectly wonderful story: a dog whose leg is hurt in a Chilean earthquake travels all the way to the U.S. in search of a family. There's a surprise twist in the plot when Angel succeeds. Reading it teared me up. A kids' book. Simple. Profound. Amazing. Kudos to our own local celeb authors Rita Gigante, Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante, Donna McDine and local artist Renie Conklin De Mase.

~ Reviewed by Lorraine Ash, author – *Self and Soul: On Creating a Meaningful Life*

*Angel's Forever Home* is a heartwarming story about finding love. Angel is such a lovable and relatable character; he has a great voice! It's the kind of story from which we can learn many lessons. I look forward to reading this book again and again. I know my children will love it, too!

~ Reviewed by Mary Driscoll, elementary school teacher and blogger at *Stay at Home Fit*

*Angel's Forever Home* is a great children's and adult book! The story line has great lessons within it and the artwork is beautiful. The underlying lesson of appreciating life is for all to enjoy. ~ Reviewed by Shilamida Kupershteyn, best-selling author - *31 Days of Gratitude Create the Life You Desire*

*Angel's Forever Home* is a heart-warming tale of hope, courage, love and comfort as a rescue dog named Angel waits patiently to find his home after an earthquake in Chile leaves him injured. The authors of this sweet story beautifully capture Angel's voice and make him so relatable one can't help but root for him and hope he finds a home as special as he. The kindness shown to Angel tugs at one's heartstrings, especially in appreciation of rescue animals everywhere and those giving them their "forever homes." Ms. De Mase's beautifully detailed and soft illustrations bring Angel and his story to life. A must read for children and adults alike!

~ Reviewed by Karin Larson, speech pathologist and children's author – *Bedtime Kisses*

This is a children's book that will help teach compassion for God's creatures, and you will soon fall in love with Angel! Poor Angel has suffered a lot in his young life, but will he be able to find a forever home? This poor love has injured his leg in the Chilean earthquake, and now needs to have medical care and a family. We get to see what happens to this pup, and the willingness of someone to overlook his disabilities and open their hearts. I received a complimentary copy of this book and was under no obligation to post a review. The thoughts and opinions are mine alone. ~ Reviewed by Maureen Timerman, Maureen's Musings Professional Blogger and Reviewer

I liked the way the story is presented as well as the themes of friendship and being safe and happy in a forever home. So important to children of all ages, but especially to younger ones. It also shows the value of dogs as friends. It will ignite curiosity in a child. ~ Reviewed by Joan Ramirez, author of *Jamie is Autistic*

*Angel's Forever Home* is an inspirational story of kindness, acceptance and love. In a world that is filled with negativity and bad news, this charming story delivers a heartwarming message to all readers. Each individual that reads this book, will take away positive affirmations of life's goodness. ~ Reviewed by Debra Brenna, School Teacher and Teacher's Union President

Absolutely loved this story of love, inspiration and spirituality. Just some great messages for the young (and not so young) ones among us. Thank you for sharing this story! ~ Reviewed by Tom Rossi, father of two boys and businessman

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### *Angel's Forever Home* Book Signing & Fundraiser

(TAPPAN, NEW YORK) – Join the creators of the picture book, *Angel's Forever Home* at their pre-launch book signing and fundraiser and help support the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to this worthwhile organization so they may continue to place rescue animals in their forever homes.

**When:** Thursday, January 17, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30 – 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Brady's at the Station  
5 West Main Street  
Ramsey, NJ

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### *Story Monster Ink Author & Illustrator Spotlight*

Rita Gigante, Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante, Donna McDine, and Renie De Mase

(TAPPAN, NEW YORK) – Story Monster Ink recently had the opportunity to chat with the authors/illustrator team behind *Angel's Forever Home* (Mascot Books), a true story about a dog who was rescued from a Chilean earthquake, and searches for his forever home. Facing his fear of rejection for not being like other dogs, he embarks on a journey that teaches him the importance of patience, courage, and the willingness to open his heart to others.

Visit with the Rita Gigante, Bobbie Sterchele-Gigante, Donna McDine and Renie De Mase to read their interview and to get to know them better at <http://tinyurl.com/y5k5dknr>. The team enjoys interacting with readers and welcomes the opportunity for visitors to leave comments and/or questions so they may have the chance to get to know you as well.

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(PIERMONT, NEW YORK) – Join the creators of the picture book, *Angel's Forever Home* at their book signing and author meet and greet. Please stop by for a spell and enjoy a cookie treat and cup of coffee!

Enter the two raffle drawings at a chance to win one, 30 minute Psychic reading with Psychic Medium, Rita Gigante or one, 30 minute Reiki session with Reiki Master, Donna McDine.

**When:** Sunday, September 29, 2019  
**Time:** 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Bunbury's Coffee Shop  
460 Piermont Avenue  
Piermont, NY

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# Appearances

## In-person

**September 29, 2019 ~ 3-6 pm**

Event: Author Meet and Greet

Where: Bunbury's Coffee Shop, Piermont, NY

**May 5, 2019 ~ 10-3 pm**

Event: Westchester Children's Book Festival for Young Readers

Where: Mohawk Day Camp, White Plains, NY

**April 7, 2019 ~ 11-4 pm**

Event: The Rockland County YMCA - Suffern Preschool Spring Boutique

Where: Suffern Community Center, Suffern, NY

**March 1, 2019 ~ 7 pm**

Event: Book signing and fundraiser

Where: Books and Greetings, Northvale, NJ

**January 27, 2019 ~ 1-4 pm**

Event: Book signing and fundraiser

Where: Newburgh Brewing Company, Newburgh, NY

**January 17, 2019 ~ 4:30-9 pm**

Brady's at the Station, Ramsey, NJ

Event: Pre-launch book signing and fundraiser

## Online Interview

**March 21, 2019**

Story Monster Ink ~ <http://tinyurl.com/y5k5dknr>

Interview: Author and Illustrator Spotlight

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