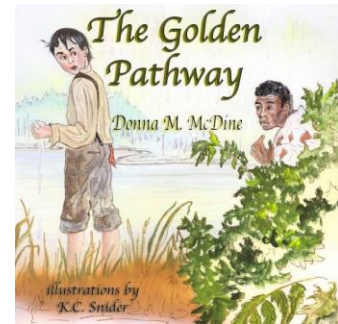


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## For Immediate Release

### *A Story of Friendship and Courage*

**A young boy befriends an abused slave and defies his father to help his new friend attain freedom**

(TAPPAN, NEW YORK) – *The Golden Pathway* is a richly illustrated work of historical fiction that allows children to comprehend the horror of slavery as well as the courage of the people who risked their lives to help slaves escape via the Underground Railroad.

Told from a child's perspective, the story begins with David, who is raised in a hostile environment where abuse occurs daily. David attempts to break the mold and befriends the slave, Jenkins, owned by his Pa. Fighting against extraordinary times and beliefs, David attempts to lead Jenkins to freedom with no regard for his own safety and possible consequences dealt out by his Pa.

Additional resources at the end of the book include a glossary of the code words used and a list of websites with information about the Underground Railroad.

**About the author:** Donna McDine is an award-winning children's author, with Honorable Mentions in the 77th and 78th Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competitions. Her stories have been published in many print and online publications and her interest in American History resulted in writing and publishing *The Golden Pathway*. Donna has two more books under contract with Guardian Angel Publishing, *The Hockey Agony* and *Powder Monkey*. Learn more at [www.donnamcdine.com](http://www.donnamcdine.com).

**What they're saying about *The Golden Pathway*:** "*Once children have read about David and the part he played in the Underground Railroad, they'll be eager to find other stories to enhance what they've learned in *The Golden Pathway*.*" ~ **Beverly Stowe McClure, author of *Rebel in Blue Jeans, Just Breeze, and Caves, Cannons, and Crinolines***

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# The Golden Pathway

## Donna M. McDine

### About the Author:

Award-winning children's author Donna McDine published her first book *The Golden Pathway*, August 2010 with Guardian Angel Publishing and has three more books under contract with said publisher for *Hockey Agony*, *Powder Monkey*, and *A Sandy Grave*. She writes, moms and is the Editor-in-Chief for Guardian Angel Kids, Publicist for the Working Writer's Club, and owner of Author PR Services from her home in the historical hamlet Tappan, NY. McDine is a member of the SCBWI.

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# Here's what reviewers are saying about The Golden Pathway

*"This story by author Donna M. McDine, with full-page, full-color illustrations by K. C. Snider, is an attention-grabbing way to introduce students to the fact that slavery once existed in this country and also illustrate how the "Underground Railroad" helped slaves to escape north so that they might gain their freedom. It is a great book."*

**–Wayne S. Walker, Home School Book Review**

*"Author Donna McDine pulls you in from the first sentence, and doesn't let you go. Her writing is filled with sensory detail that puts you into the story and the era. She has created living, breathing characters, so much so, that I strongly felt their lives before and after the tale."*

**–A.R. Silverberry, author of *Wyndano's Cloak***

*"Once children have read about David and the part he played in the Underground Railroad, they'll be eager to find other stories to enhance what they've learned in *The Golden Pathway*."*

**–Beverly Stowe McClure, author of *Rebel in Blue Jeans, Just Breeze, and Caves, Cannons, and Crinolines***

*"The Golden Pathway will teach children how people can come together and overcome seemingly impossible odds and learn a bit about American history and how to deal with a situation of bullying and abuse."*

**–Lauren S. Smith, She Writes <http://www.shewrites.com>**

*"Award winning children's author, Donna McDine, has produced a powerful story of good and evil, a must read for every child. She defines, in a beautifully written and poignant way, one man's inhumanity to man and the redeeming qualities of his son."*

**-Nancy Stewart, children's author and university professor of education, specializing in Children's and Young Adult Literature**

*"A tale sure to inspire anyone who doubts their own courage."*

**–Lori Calabrese, award-winning author of *The Bug That Plagued the Entire Third Grade***

*"The Golden Pathway is a story about courage and friendship."*

**–Renee Hand, author of *The Crypto-Capers* series and the award-winning, *The Adventures of Joe-Joe Nut and Biscuit Bill: Case #1: The Great Pie Catastrophe***

*"In Donna McDine's debut book witness a poignant depiction of the best and worst of humanity. The portrayal of the brutality dealt a slave and a white boy's sense of right and wrong are expertly exposed. K.C. Snider is a fine artist and each illustration is a masterpiece. The historical*

*fiction picture book's succinct and imaginative story coupled with the illustrations are a buffet for readers of all ages. I highly recommend this book."*

**–J. Aday Kennedy, award-winning multi-published author of inspirational/Christian pieces and of children's literature**

*"The best thing about this book is that it raised other questions... Any book that can cause a child to crave more knowledge on a subject is a good one."*

**–Lynn's Reading Corner**

*"I thought this was a very well written story for children to understand."*

**–Chrissy's World of Books**

# Awards and Publishing Credits

Donna M. McDine

## AWARDS:

- Literary Classics 2011 Silver Award Recipient Picture Book Early Reader ~ *The Golden Pathway*
- Literary Classics 2011 Finalist Picture Book Early Reader ~ *The Golden Pathway*
- Literary Classics 2011 Seal of Approval Picture Book Early Reader ~ *The Golden Pathway*
- Finalist in Dan Poynter's Global eBook Awards - Children's Picture Book Fiction category - *The Golden Pathway*
- Preditors & Editors Readers Poll 2010 - Top Ten - Children's Books category - *The Golden Pathway*
- 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competition - Honorable Mention - Children's/Young Adult Fiction category ~ "The Hockey Agony"
- 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competition - Honorable Mention - Children's/Young Adult Fiction category ~ "Images of the Past"
- 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competition - Honorable Mention - Children's/Young Adult Fiction category ~ "The Golden Pathway"

## PUBLISHING CREDITS:

### Books:

- *The Golden Pathway* ~ August 2010 ~ Guardian Angel Publishing
- *Hockey Agony* ~ Under Contract ~ Guardian Angel Publishing
- *Powder Monkey* ~ Under Contract ~ Guardian Angel Publishing
- *A Sandy Grave* ~ Under Contract ~ Guardian Angel Publishing

## Magazine:

## Non-fiction:

- “Sports Buddies,” April 2014 ~ *Hopscotch for Girls*
- “Fishing Through a Frozen Lake,” December 2012 ~ *Boys’ Quest*
- “Keeping the Caribou Warm,” May 2009 ~ *Stories for Children Magazine*
- “The ‘Ghosts’ of the Night,” July 2008 ~ *Stories for Children Magazine*
- “Shortening the Gap,” April 2008 ~ *A Long Story Short*
- “What’s Not A Fish, But Is Called A Fish,” July 2007 ~ *Stories for Children Magazine*

## Fiction:

- “Nikko and Herman,” December 2010 ~ *Long Story Short*
- “The Creaky Ceiling,” August 2007 ~ *Long Story Short*
- “Trouble in the Park,” June 2007 ~ *Long Story Short*

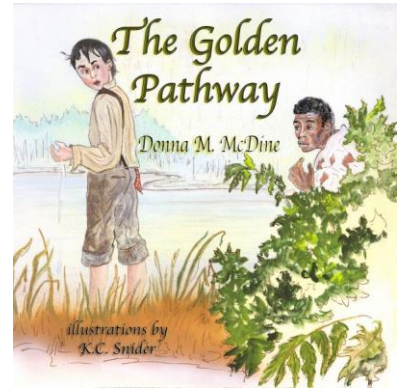
## Contributing Articles:

- “Writer’s Submission Guidelines: The Importance of Staying with the Parameters,” October 2011 ~ *Working Writer’s Club*
- “The Almighty News Release,” September 2011 ~ *Working Writer’s Club*
- “Positive Words Are Worth Their Weight In Gold,” May 2010 ~ *The Prosperous Writers Blog*, Christina Katz
- “Children’s Writing Resources,” March/April 2010 ~ *Writers’ Journal*
- “Boy’s Quest Cover Letter,” *2009 Magazine Markets for Children’s Writers*
- “Ten Ways to Survive the First Year of Middle School (Junior High),” December 2008 ~ *PsychologyAgain.com*

- “Gum Massage,” December 2008 ~ *Parenting Universe*
- “Four Tips for Squeezing in Your Exercise During Your Busy Day,” December 2008 ~ *Diet Trends Review*
- “My Daughter is Developing Early, Should I Worry,” November 2008 ~ *Hudson Valley Parent*
- “5 Tips for Researching Children’s Stories Market Potential,” July/August 2008 ~ *Cross & Quill - The Christian Writers Newsletter*
- “Interview with K.L. Going,” November 2008 ~ *Mom Writer’s Literary Magazine*
- “The Worthy Writer’s Conference,” Summer 2008 ~ *Once Upon A Time Magazine*
- “Finding New Talent: Middle-Grade and Young Adult Novels at Delacorte,” Spring Issue 2008 ~ *SCBWI Metro NY Newsletter*
- “How to Get and Stay Organized for Your Blooming Writing Career,” May 2008 ~ *Institute of Children’s Literature Rx for Writers*
- “Interview with Beverly Stowe McClure,” May 2008 ~ *The National Writing for Children Center*
- “Interview with Lea Schizas,” April 2008 ~ *The National Writing for Children Center*
- “The Brick and Hopefully Crumbling Wall of Parenting and Writing,” September 2007 ~ *Stories for Children Newsletter for Writers*
- “How to Avoid the Feeling of Isolation by Conducting Author Visits,” September 2007 ~ *Kid Magazine Writers*
- “I’m Publishing: What Will It Be Today,” August 2007 ~ *Kid Magazine Writers*
- “The Worthy Writer’s Conference,” June 2007 ~ *The National Writing for Children Center*

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## Underground Railroad children's story book *The Golden Pathway* announced as Literary Classics 2011 Silver Award Recipient

October 14, 2011 - Tappan, New York – Donna McDine's children's book, *The Golden Pathway* has been announced as Literary Classics 2011 Silver Award Recipient – Early Reader category.

Literary Classics announced its 2011 selection of top books for children and young adults today. Award recipients were selected from entries received throughout the world. The Literary Classics selection committee is proud to recognize the following titles in children's and young adult literature which exemplify the criteria set forth by the Literary Classics Awards committee.

A list of the 2011 award recipients can be viewed at: [www.clcawards.org](http://www.clcawards.org).

### PICTURE BOOK - EARLY READER

Gold Award Recipient - *Wacky Jacky: The True Story of An Unlikely Beauty Queen*, written by Jaclyn Stapp, illustrated by Kristine Lucco

Silver Award Recipient - *The Golden Pathway*, written by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by K.C. Snider

Literary Classics, an organization dedicated to furthering excellence in literature, takes great pride in its role to help promote classic children's literature which appeals to youth, while educating and encouraging positive values in the impressionable young minds of future generations. Judging is based upon the criteria set forth by Literary Classics' highly selective awards committee which honors books promoting character, vision, creativity and learning, through content which possesses the key elements found in well-crafted literature.

The Literary Classics judging committee consists of experts with backgrounds in publishing, writing, editing, design, illustration, and book reviewing. To learn more about Literary Classics, visit their website at [www.literaryclassicsawards.com](http://www.literaryclassicsawards.com).

***The Golden Pathway synopsis:***

Be transported through time to the Underground Railroad, where high-pitched screams echo each night. David's cruel Pa always chooses the same victim. Despite the circumstances during slavery, David uncovers the courage to defy his Pa.

Raised in a hostile environment where abuse occurs daily, David attempts to break the mold and befriends the slave, Jenkins, owned by his Pa. Fighting against extraordinary times and beliefs, David attempts to lead Jenkins to freedom with no regard for his own safety and possible consequences dealt out by his Pa.

***The Golden Pathway purchasing information:***

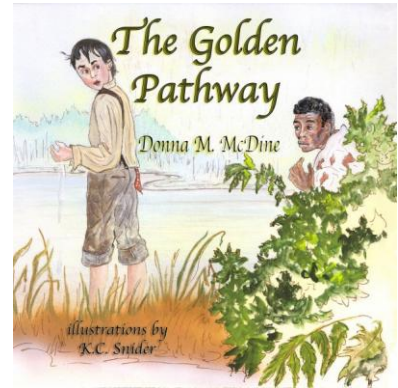
Guardian Angel Publishing [www.guardianangelpublishing.com/pathway.htm](http://www.guardianangelpublishing.com/pathway.htm) or for autographed copies visit award-winning children's author Donna McDine [www.donnamcdine.com](http://www.donnamcdine.com). As an added bonus, orders placed through Guardian Angel Publishing or the author will include *The Golden Pathway* teacher's guide eBook.

Thank you for your time and interest.

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Tappan, New York – Donna McDine's children's book, *The Golden Pathway* has been awarded the Literary Classics Seal of Approval in the Picture Book – Early Reader category.

#### A word from Children's Literary Classics

*The Golden Pathway*, written by Donna M. McDine and illustrated by KC Snider, is an inspiring story of a young boy, named David, who helps his father's slave escape to freedom. Day after day, David watches from a distance as his alcoholic father brutally and mercilessly beats their slave, Jenkins, who is just a boy himself. David knows all too well that the beatings will only continue and becomes concerned that Jenkins may not survive the onslaught of physical abuse. Eventually David finds a way, with the aid of those operating the Underground Railroad, to help Jenkins escape his life of slavery and affliction.

*The Golden Pathway* is a tale of compassion and courage. This book earns the Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval, a designation reserved for those books which uphold the rigorous criteria set forth by the Children's Literary Classics review committee, a team comprised of individuals with backgrounds in publishing, editing, writing, illustration and graphic design.

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#### About the Author

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### **About the Illustrator**

K.C. Snider, a prominent Oregon artist, has branched out into a variety of styles and subjects. Her collection of oil paintings, lithographs, and pencil drawings include the All-American Cowboy and Cowgirl and their historical lifestyles with magnificent wolves, buffalo herds, eagles and birds of prey along with horses and domestic animals. Her artwork has won numerous awards including the Snaffle Bit Award and the Pioneer Award.

Snider lives in the high desert with majestic views of the Cascade Mountains' snow capped peaks. K.C. also illustrates children's books: *Alleycat*; *The Christmas Angel*; *Preston, the Not-So-Perfect Pig*; *One Family's Christmas*; *Cartwheel Annie*; *The Magic Violin*; *Does Heaven Get Mail?*; *Andy & The Albino Horse Series*; *Baby Jesus is Missing' Katydidn't*; *A Short Tale About a Long Tail*; *Monster Maddie*; *RV Mouse & Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind*.

A three piece triptych from the second book in the *Andy & the Albino Horse Series* won 1st Place in The Western Art Roundup 2008 and another *Andy* story triptych won 2nd Place in The Western Art Roundup 2009.

Visit K.C. at: [www.kcsniderart.com](http://www.kcsniderart.com)

### ***The Golden Pathway* purchasing information:**

[www.guardianangelpublishing.com/pathway.htm](http://www.guardianangelpublishing.com/pathway.htm) or for autographed copies with added bonus of the teacher's learning guide [www.donnamcdine.com](http://www.donnamcdine.com).

Thank you for your time and interest.

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