

# Novel Explores Gender Identity, Transsexualism, and Marriage Rights

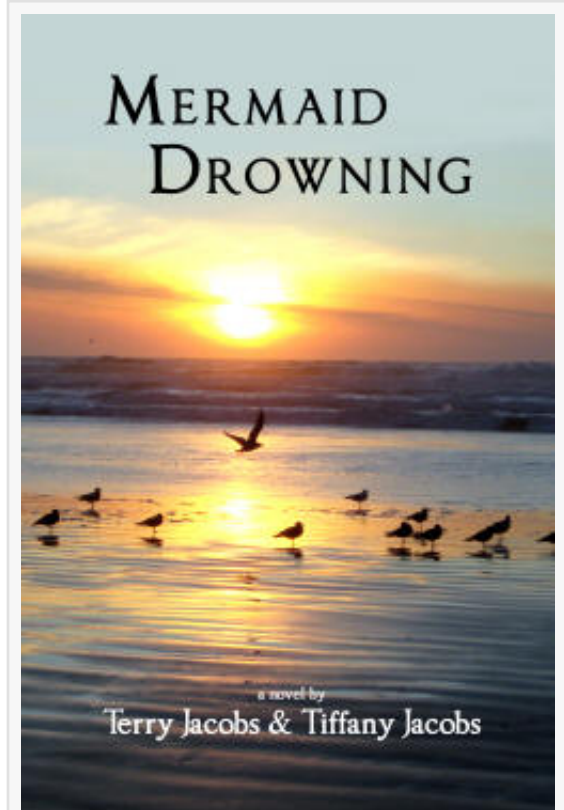
/EINPresswire.com/ Debut fiction novel Mermaid Drowning explores the contentious issue of Gay Marriage that is now before the Supreme Court.

Springfield, OR. January 15, 2013 -- Mermaid Drowning, an upcoming novel, explores gender identity and gender rights through a story of marital crisis. In the story, Sam and Evelyn live the American dream north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Their dream is shattered when Sam discovers his wife was born male. In the hope of gaining full custody of their children, Sam searches Evelyn's past. His main focus turns to the murder of Evelyn's friends when she was sixteen—a murder some suggest she committed. The man Evelyn accused of the slayings makes Sam a simple offer: If Sam joins him in his Defense of Marriage campaign and helps destroy Evelyn's life, he will make sure Sam gets the kids, wealth, and power.

**Terry and Tiffany Jacobs Portrait** As their once-perfect life unravels, Evelyn questions her decision to hide her childhood and struggles to make peace with the violence and death that were a part of it. The reader is invited to follow Mermaid Drowning's compelling story, while exploring the intricate and thought-provoking subjects of the lies we tell ourselves, what it means to be family, and the politicizing of love and personal relationships.

The story idea for Mermaid Drowning originated with the 2007 ABC News broadcast of My Secret Self: A Story of Transgender Children. As the authors, Terry and Tiffany Jacobs, researched the life of the transgendered child, they found that unlike the Hollywood and media stereotypes, most transgendered people live normal, productive lives with jobs and families.

Their research always led to the question of where the transgendered child's journey would ultimately take her – marriage, family, career, and religious faith. "Acceptance by their family of origin is only the first hurdle that transgendered children face," Terry said. "Most of their life



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happens after childhood, so instead of a child, Evelyn became a wife and mother with a secret."

Mermaid Drowning puts human faces on the complex and confusing issues of gender identity and gay rights, as it invites the reader to share the lives of Sam and Evelyn Irving—to walk a mile in their shoes. Readers are provided the opportunity to explore the issues now before the Supreme Court, so that they may gain a deeper understanding. It allows them to share the life, loves, and hurts of someone who lives a life very different from their own. When asked why they wrote the book, Tiffany said, "Mainly for the children. Like all kids, they need all the love, understanding, and acceptance we can give them."

Mermaid Drowning is the debut novel of husband and wife writing team Terry and Tiffany Jacobs. Release date: January 15, 2013. Paperback list price: \$14.95; available through most book stores (ISBN13: 978-0-9886480-0-5.) Ebook list price: \$4.95; available on Nook (ISBN 13: 987-0-9886480-1-2) and Kindle (ISBN 13: 978-0-9886480-2-9).

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