



# MISS OLIVE FINDS HER FUREVER HOME WINS THE BRONZE 2019 MOONBEAM CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

*First Book in Miss Olive's Trilogy Awarded Bronze in Animals/Pets Fiction Category*

SARASOTA, FL, UNITED STATES, October 14, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home, a children's book about a rescue dog finding a loving home, was awarded the prestigious Moonbeam Bronze Award for the category of Animals/Pets (Fiction). Written by Susan Marie and Miss Olive herself, and Illustrated by Rebekah Phillips, the book is the first in a trilogy about Miss Olive's adventures.

Recommended for ages four through nine, Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home teaches children an important lesson about life and what it means to be accepted for who you are. Through the Miss Olive book series, children learn that bringing a pet into a loving home can be an incredibly rewarding experience.

The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and Jenkins Group are proud to announce that Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home was chosen to receive an award from a total of 1,150 entries this year. Launched in 2007, the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators. The awards celebrate children's books and honor those who create the stories that encourage kids to foster a sense of wonder and a life-long love of reading.

"I'm so honored to be recognized by The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and Jenkins Group," said author Susan Marie. "It also means so much to me that Miss Olive's message of compassion and acceptance is reaching more children. We all want those things, not just humans, but animals as well."

Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home follows a little Italian Greyhound with three legs who is alone in an animal shelter. She dreams of being adopted by a loving family. On her journey to find her forever home, Miss Olive feels love and kindness from her foster mom and finds friendship with other animals who are waiting for adoption. One by one, all of the other dogs are adopted into happy families and Miss Olive begins to wonder if it will ever happen for her. She ultimately learns that dreams do come true.

## About Susan Marie

For over fifteen years, Susan Marie has been spreading the word about puppy love through her nationally syndicated weekly radio show, The Doggy Diva Show. On her show, Susan interviews pet care experts, dog trainers, authors and representatives from animal rescue organizations. Past guests include Bob Barker, Dean Koontz, Julia Cameron, Alison Eastwood, and America's Veterinarian, Dr. Marty Becker. The Doggy Diva Show can be heard on Pet Life Radio, iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher and Speak Up Talk Radio.

Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home won the DWAA Maxwell Medallion for 2018 Children's Book of the Year. The award recognizes and encourages writers who exhibit talent, resourcefulness, dedication and integrity in their writing about dogs and dog-related topics. The Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) was created in 1935 at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

The best known feature of the DWAA is its annual writing contest, which encourages excellence in writing about dogs in all aspects of communication.

Susan is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators as well as the Dog Writer's Association of America and the Florida Writers Association. A devoted champion of animals, Susan donates a portion of the proceeds from the Miss Olive book to various animal rescue services. She's passionate about passing along the love of animals to future generations.

#### About Miss Olive:

Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home is the first book in a trilogy about the adventures of Miss Olive, an Italian Greyhound rescue. The real Miss Olive was adopted in 2015 by author Susan Marie from Italian Greyhound Rescue of the Gulf Coast. Miss Olive was a victim of neglect and health issues, having lost her teeth due to lack of medical attention and one of her legs to cancer. The neglect and illness that she experienced has never affected her loving, gentle spirit; she is always ready for a snuggle.

Miss Olive joins Susan Marie at the microphone each week as the co-host of the radio show, The Doggy Diva Show airing on Pet Life Radio. Along Florida's Suncoast, the name Miss Olive is synonymous with the bringing together of homeless pets to loving families everywhere.

Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home is available on Amazon and BarnesandNoble.com.

Learn more about Susan, Miss Olive and Miss Olive's book trilogy by visiting [www.TheDoggyDiva.com](http://www.TheDoggyDiva.com).

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