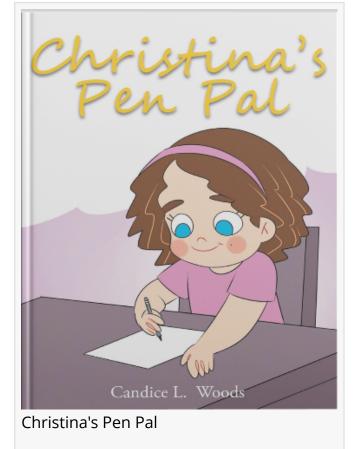


## Children's Picture Book Depicts Simple Joys of Connecting with Pen Pals

"Christina's Pen Pal" by Candice Woods shows how unexpected friendships develop over letter writing

UNITED STATES, April 15, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author Candice Woods' literary debut, "Christina's Pen Pal," follows the titular character as she connects with a new friend through the medium of letter writing. With this charmingly illustrated children's book Woods introduces young readers to the simple pleasures of letter writing, which can help them connect with others from far away, perhaps even forming friendships that they might keep for the rest of their lives.

The narrative follows Christina Riley, a sixth grader who is excited at the prospects of making a pen pal, from the process of writing to someone, to who the potential pen pal might be. Christina wonders if her future friend will be nice or mean, male or female, and what kind of conversations they might have. She also wonders where they



could be from, as the students won't be told where their letters are being sent to. Christina imagines that they might be from New York, a place she wants to visit some day. Even getting a response isn't for certain, the recipient might not even write Christina back. Readers will see the extent of her anticipation, which is partly due to her love for writing and her desire to meet new people.

With this story, Woods conveys invaluable life learnings and handy advice for letter writing lessons at school as well as pen pal programs like the one Christina is partaking in. It shows how exciting the process can be, as it is not instantaneous, which is something young readers might not be accustomed to due to the prevalence of social media, instant messaging, texting and the like. But the anticipation of sending and receiving letters is all part of the pen pal process, which enriches the friendships made through letters.

## About the Author

Candice Woods resides in Jacksonville, Al. She has always had a passion for reading and writing. Woods used to write short stories when she was a little girl. So far she has written a total of six children's books with one of them being published so far. Woods has also just finished her romance novel "Yellow Dandelions" which will be available at a later date. "Christina's Pen Pal" is the first book she has published.

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