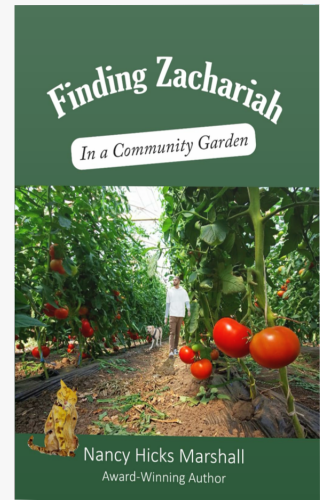


# A Feral Cat, a Veteran, and a Garden: Finding Zachariah Tells a Story of Healing and Hope

*Nancy Hicks Marshall's heartwarming novel highlights the transformative power of community gardens.*

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In [Finding Zachariah: In a Community Garden](#), author Nancy Hicks Marshall invites readers into a vibrant space where healing and growth take root. This moving novel, while fictional, draws from real-life experiences within community gardens and explores the interconnected journeys of people and animals who find solace and purpose in these nurturing spaces.



Finding Zachariah: In a Community Garden

At the center of the story is Sebastian, a keenly observant feral cat who offers insights into human behavior. Sebastian becomes an unlikely companion to Zachariah, a veteran battling PTSD and homelessness. Their bond becomes a catalyst for transformation not only for Zachariah but for a diverse group of volunteers, including a grieving family and a loyal service dog. Together, they navigate trauma, rebuild trust, and find hope—all within the rhythms of planting, irrigating, and harvesting.

Marshall captures the spirit of possibility that community gardens offer. Set against the desert backdrop of Phoenix, Arizona, where planting seasons and water conservation add unique challenges, the garden becomes more than a source of food—it becomes a place of friendship and renewal.

Nancy Hicks Marshall has lived in Phoenix for 35 years and remains deeply engaged in social justice and community advocacy. Her work spans issues from women's rights to juvenile justice, and she continues to foster peace and healing through writing, gardening, and teaching. Her firsthand experience in community gardens lends authenticity to the narrative, highlighting their role in fostering both sustenance and human connection.

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