

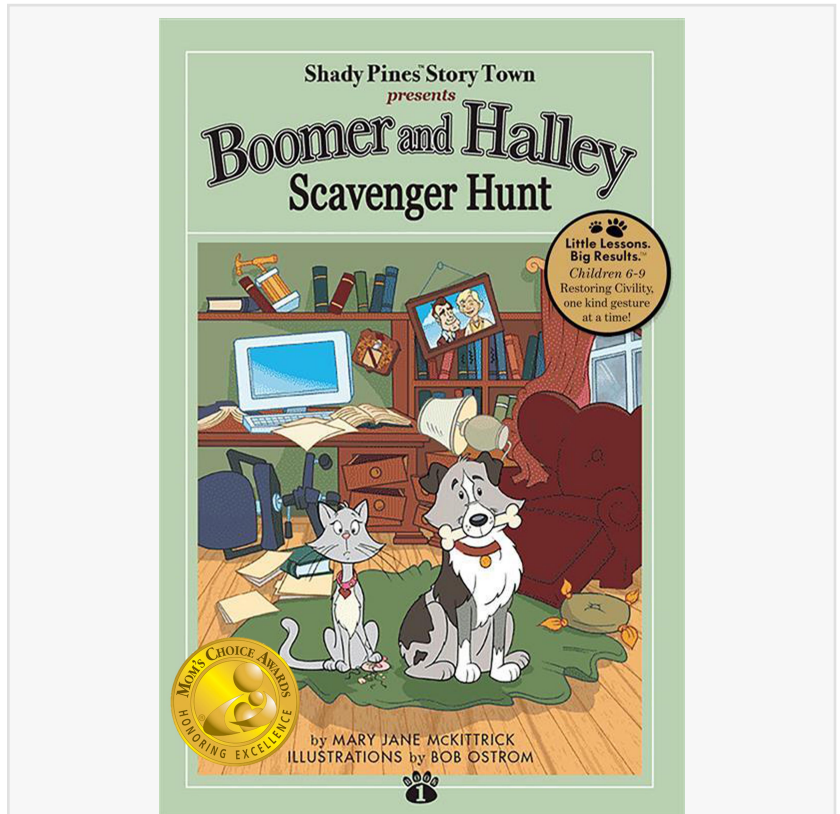
Summer Travel Solved: National Award-Winning 'Boomer and Halley' Book Keeps Kids Engaged and Kind on the Go

*National Award-Winning Book
Encourages Engagement and Kindness
During Summer Travel*

LELAND, NC, UNITED STATES, July 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As families hit the road, the challenge of keeping young travelers entertained while fostering positive values has a new, engaging, screen-time solution. Mary Jane McKittrick, founder of the national award-winning Shady Pines Story Town, has released the eBook version of her celebrated children's title, *Boomer and Halley Scavenger Hunt: Discover Rewards by Working with Others*.

Perfect for tablets and e-readers, this portable adventure is designed to turn long car rides and flight delays into a chance for connection. The story follows two adopted four-legged siblings - Boomerang, an Australian Shepherd dog, and Halley's Comet, a silver streak of a cat, as they navigate a rainy-day scavenger hunt staged by a once childless couple turned instant "parents."

"Summer travel is the perfect time to open a book together," says McKittrick, a former television news anchor and producer. "With this Mom's Choice



Boomer and Halley Scavenger Hunt



Photo of Mary Jane McKittrick, Author of Boomer and Halley Scavenger Hunt book

Gold Award winning eBook, families have an interactive, fun-filled story right at their fingertips. It's designed to be more than just a distraction; it's a tool to spark conversations about teamwork, manners, sportsmanship, and responsibility while you're on the move."

Why It's a Summer Travel Essential:

Built for Discussion: The book (for 6-9 year olds) includes integrated prompting questions, allowing parents to guide their children through life lessons.

[Gentle Values](#): The narrative focuses on [kindness](#) and collaboration, mirroring the heartwarming, small-town spirit of the Shady Pines Story Town platform.

Interactive Bonus: Families who purchase the book from Amazon or Barnes & Noble through the (Shady Pines Story Town website) can submit their proof of purchase to unlock a digital, printable scavenger hunt kit, giving kids an active challenge to complete once they reach their destination.

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be Kind. Her work has been recognized with the Mom's Choice Gold Award for Excellence and the Pinnacle Book Achievement Award.

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