

Author and Educator Brooke Carnwath Releases Middle-Grade Novel "Far From The Ocean's Edge"

BOZEMAN, MT, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author and educator Brooke Carnwath today releases her new middle-grade novel, "Far From the Ocean's Edge," inviting young readers on a coming-of-age journey from the rocky coast of Maine to the wide-open landscapes of Wyoming.

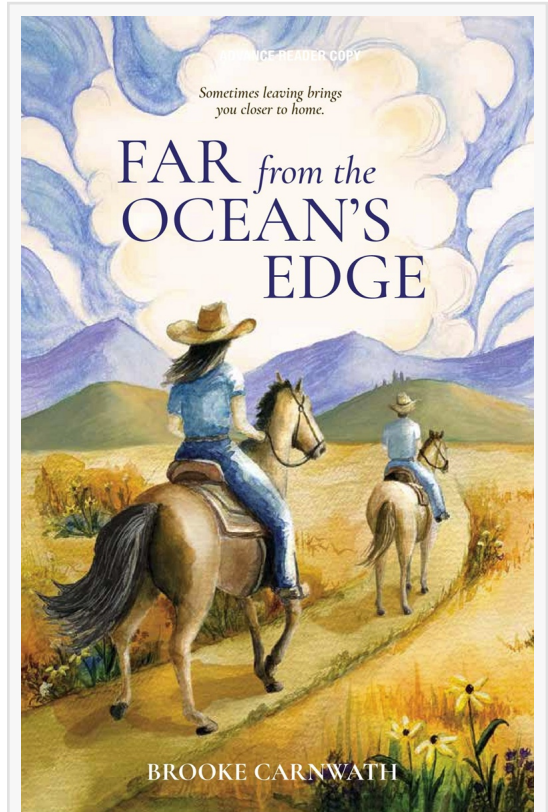
Published by She Writes Press and distributed by Simon & Schuster, "Far From the Ocean's Edge" follows twelve-year-old Skye, a girl determined to find the father she has never met—even though her mother is determined to keep his identity a secret. When Skye and her mother travel across the country to care for her ailing grandparents, Skye realizes she may finally have an opportunity to uncover the truth.

Far from her seaside home in Maine, Skye encounters a world of towering mountains, dusty rodeo arenas, horses, and wide-open spaces. With the help of Tuck, a ten-year-old rodeo kid eager for adventure, she begins investigating a list of possible fathers while getting to know her grandparents, camping beneath the stars, and learning to ride.

But as Skye gets closer to discovering the identity of her father, she uncovers something even more important: family isn't defined by a particular place, size, or traditional way of life. It is defined by love.

"Writing this story was an adventure in itself," said Carnwath. "Guided by the ever-curious Skye, I traveled from Maine to Wyoming, meeting new friends and discovering the magic of summer's end in the Rocky Mountain West. Whether you read with a friend or on your own, I hope Skye's story keeps your summer adventure going!"

The novel has already received praise for its emotional depth, relatable protagonist, and appeal



Far From the Ocean's Edge cover

to young readers.

Kirkus Reviews praised Carnwath's "deft depiction of a child caught up in fraught family dynamics," noting that Skye is "a relatable character, often overcoming her fears to try new things." The review concludes that the novel "offers an important lesson about accepting people for who they are, rather than who we'd like them to be," adding that "curious and willful kids will identify with Skye and enjoy her journey in this coming-of-age tale."

"A lovely, sweet, and deeply felt contemporary ode to a young girl's dream of having a 'normal' family," said Janet Fox, author of "The Mystery of Mystic Mountain." "The Wyoming landscape and lifestyle are beautifully illustrated, and the family dynamics are depicted with emotional truth."

"Carnwath tells a story that will appeal to young readers of horse stories and western adventure. Highly recommended," said LuAnn M. Rod, author of "Maddie McDowell and the Rodeo Robbery."



Brooke Carnwath headshot

Based in Bozeman, Montana, Brooke Carnwath is an author and educator who has spent nearly two decades teaching writing. She currently serves as an Assistant Teaching Professor at

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Montana State University and has taught writing at universities and literary organizations throughout the region. Her published work includes "Scout and Lucy," as well as fiction, creative nonfiction, and writing for young readers. Her work has appeared in "Women On Writing" and the Elk River Writers Workshop anthology "Voices Elevated." She holds a B.A. from Middlebury College and an M.A. in Journalism from the University of Montana.

"Far From the Ocean's Edge" is now available in print and digital editions. Find more at BrookeCarnwath.com as well

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