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Celebrating 40 Years of Mysteries

Carole Marsh Releases 51st Real Kids! Real Places! Mystery

Hilton Head, SC –Gallopade International announced today the release of **The Mystery at Hilton Head Island** by Carole Marsh. This story is the 51st title in the wonderfully engaging Real Kids Real Places! America's National Mystery Book Series, which follow real kids' adventures through historical landmarks, noted attractions, and the very best monuments that America has to offer. It also marks the 40th anniversary of mystery titles from Marsh.

It's not often that the author of a mystery finds a mystery she did not expect. "But that's what happened to me!" says Marsh, "My focus was the famous lighthouse at Sea Pines, but when I did my research, I discovered the *historic* Hilton Head lighthouse, which enhanced my story greatly!" Marsh, a resident of Beaufort, has written more than 100 of her Real Kids/Real Places mysteries for ages 7-14 over the last 40 years. "Hilton Head has been on my list for a long time," says the author, "so I am thrilled to share it in time for the holiday season. I love anything that gives me an excuse to go over the bridges and visit this lovely island, and, to discover new things about it."

The Mystery at Hilton Head Island tells the story of Mimi, the mystery book writing grandmother, and four of her grandchildren who visit Hilton Head on vacation and discover a mystery connected to the Sea Pines lighthouse. As always, the kids are eager to keep their grandmother busy writing so that they can go and solve the mystery on their own. As usual, things are not quite what they seem, there are twists and turns, red herrings, lots of clues, and a convoluted chase or two before the kids actually discover "the other" lighthouse and the solution to the mystery.

While it's not hard to see why young readers would love such a fast-paced, hilarious mystery, teachers rave over Marsh's books for their high educational value.

While the author's books are distributed worldwide, Marsh has a special place in her heart for the Lowcountry. "I lived in Savannah's historic district for twelve years," she says, "then in Palmetto Bluff, and now I have moved to downtown Beaufort. I just can't get away from this beautiful place with so much history, mystery, legend, lore and beauty!"

The Mystery at Hilton Head Island is for Ages 7 – 14 and Grades 3 - 8. The 5.25" x 7.5" book is available for \$7.99 on Gallopade.com and Amazon.com. Visit <u>www.gallopade.com/rkrp-hiltonhead</u> to learn more.

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About Carole Marsh Longmeyer: With more books on Amazon.com than any other author, more than 100 mysteries in print, and endless other fiction, as well as non-fiction titles to her name, this author is a mainstay in school and public libraries, museums, and bookstores. She has a knack for writing stories kids love about place kids want to go as evidenced by her enduring 40-year career.

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