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Wrong Lead takes First Place at American Horse Publications Equine Media Awards

Albuquerque, N.M.— *Wrong Lead, Dream Horse Mystery #3* by Candace Carrabus took first-place honors for novel at the American Horse Publications (AHP) 2019 Equine Media Awards. Since 1974, the AHP annual awards have recognized excellence in equine-focused media. This year's competition drew 711 entries.

Carrabus writes from the Lincoln County, Missouri farm she shares with her husband and daughter. A scoliosis diagnosis at age 11 changed her life. A horse lover from a young age, she signed up for riding lessons and learned much more than posting trot. With quiet power, horses provided comfort and a sympathetic ear, never judging or poking fun at her cumbersome back brace. Those years, though often difficult, taught Candace the value of persistence, the healing power of believing in oneself, and how strength can be gained through kindness. Her stories are imbued with the irresistible wonder, mystery, and solace her equine friends have provided.

About *Wrong Lead, Dream Horse Mystery #3*

With a trust fund hanging in the balance, Viola Parker's only requirement is to hold on to her barn manager job for one year. With just a few days left before she can ride into the sunset with her parents' financial blessing, ghost horse Wastrel gallops back into her dreams putting everything she's worked for in jeopardy.

When Vi returns to her roots to solve her mentor's murder, her familiar world disappears as quickly as the canned whipped cream she uses to relieve stress. With everyone around her, including the handsome farm owner, Malcolm, acting strangely, trust becomes elusive, and Wastrel her only confidant. Has she been on the wrong lead all along? If Vi doesn't figure out Wastrel's clues in time, what she doesn't know could kill her.

Drawing on her experience with horses and horse people, Carrabus creates a wonderfully flawed and vulnerable character in Vi, one so real and raw, it's hard to remember sometimes that she's made only of words.

"Great horse books that fill the void Dick Francis left." Amazon reviewer.

"This was a great read! I love the relationships and plot developments that kept me wondering until the end. Now I want to go back and read the others in the series!" said the AHP judge.

Carrabus's other novels include:

On the Buckle, Dream Horse Mystery #1

Run Out, Dream Horse Mystery #2

Raver, The Horsecaller: Book One

The Roar of Smoke, A book of the Meldborn

Review copies available.

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