

Heart to Heart Christian Books, an award-winning Kentucky publishing company, along with Florida author Linda Rossetti Brocato, are proud to release its newest children's book *Ivan Becomes a Hero*.

PRESS RELEASE



This is a uniquely crafted book created with a child's heart in mind, one full of fun with a Hidden Hearts Game secretly placed throughout the book with an answer key in the back. Every child may benefit from the inspired message of encouragement and hope which is illustrated brilliantly on each page. This classic tale allows children to identify with Ivan, a gangly, curious little giraffe, on his journey as he encounters the loneliness of bullying and rejection while also growing in his own self-acceptance. After meeting the zebras, Ivan suddenly wants to be short, not tall, and have stripes, not spots. Find out how Ivan's self-assurance prevails despite all his doubts, and he becomes a wonderful hero! The underlying theme of this delightful book is a life-changing message for all ages: Ivan is "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God for a purpose. Written for children ages 3 - 12, but enjoyable for all, *Ivan Becomes a Hero* contains a surprise ending that promises to thrill as Ivan the Curious becomes Ivan the Brave and shouts joyfully,

"I like being me!"

"Ivan Becomes a Hero... a message for all ages...people everywhere search for significance... Both Ivan and I realize significance comes not from things the world calls great, but rather from fulfilling the mission God created for each of us."
~ John Grant - FL State Senator (Ret.)

"Ivan is so lovable... illustrations are life-like... inspirational. This book should be in every child's library."
~ Dr. Mickey L. Walters - Administrator Christian School K-12

"...A beautiful story with a very positive and uplifting message for everyone."
~ Tammy Kimpland - Oakstead Elementary Principal Public School K-5

Meet Mrs. Brocato



Children are the motivation, passion, and joy of this author's heart! Linda R. Brocato has a keen understanding that it is essential to connect a child emotionally with age-appropriate text and illustrations. As a mother, grandmother, teacher, and author, she believes a book is a treasure to pass down from one generation to another, a legacy of literacy. "I am thankful for my second-generation, immigrant Italian parents who gave me a deep appreciation for education," Mrs. Brocato states.

The author was born in Shaw, Mississippi. She received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Delta State University and an M.S. degree in Reading from Nova Southeastern University. Linda has taught in public, Christian, and private schools and has served as co-founder and vice-president of Prepare His Ways Ministries, Inc. for 26 years, along with her husband, Frank.

Mrs. Brocato knows life is a precious gift, meant to be lived with gratitude - through the tears and through the joy - with God's grace.

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