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Spirit of the Saluda River

This November, New Jersey-based children's author Diana Tuorto released a new book, *Spirit of the Saluda River*. As with her earlier novels, the story is told from a horse's point of view. This time, however, the book is written for a younger audience (ages 6-8 plus) and is also based on a real pony's life.

Spirit of the Saluda River is based on the true story of a blind 20+ year-old Shetland pony who was abandoned and stranded on an island in South Carolina's Saluda River. Despite a difficult past and obstacles in his recovery, Spirit goes on to become an inspiration, particularly to deaf and blind children.

The real Spirit was rehabilitated by Palmetto Equine Aware-

ness & Rescue League (P.E.A.R.L.) in South Carolina. A portion of the book's proceeds also benefit this rescue.

Spirit of the Saluda River includes illustrations by Emmi Gordon, a 13 year-old artist from Ohio. "I met Emmi through Facebook," Tuorto said. "Her family runs Frog Pond Farm, a draft horse rescue in Ohio. Her illustrations are amazing and incredibly detailed."

In addition, Tuorto is currently offering a holiday sale on her book sets. A set of her three middle-grade (ages 8-14+) novels (*My Desert Sun*, *Janie's New Legs*, and *Luck of the Draw*) is available for \$25 and copies of *Spirit of the Saluda River* can be added on for an additional \$10 paperback or \$15 hardcover.

Tuorto also offers free shipping within the U.S. and personalized autographs with every order she takes directly.

Tuorto's book sets are on sale until Dec. 15 while supplies last.

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