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AUTHOR RECEIVES 4 AWARDS FOR INSPIRING SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

“Child abuse thrives in secrecy. Healing thrives in remembering our value and potential. [If Roses Were Blue](#) is a smile for the survivors soul!” – Debbie Jenae

SANTA YNEZ, CA, USA 12/03/18—50 years ago, she had no one to tell. Today, Debbie Jenae is one of more than 40 million adult survivors of child abuse in the United States alone. Once a painfully shy victim, she now speaks with passion and optimism as she shares her insights to inspire other survivors. Her latest book, [If Roses Were Blue](#), captures that essence in an adventure story for children that has won **four awards** since its release: Finalist in both the *Best Book Awards* and the *Beverly Hills Book Awards*, a Gold Winner in the *Human Relations Indie Book Awards*, and ...

“A sensitive and well-written look at sexual abuse. A RED RIBBON WINNER and highly recommended.” – **The Wishing Shelf Book Awards**

Book Summary: Chris, a college student, decides to tell her story to a group of young children, one of whom she knows is keeping a terrible secret—a secret that Chris had also kept at that age. With tenderness and insight, she takes the reader back several years to a decision that marked the beginning of a series of rescues, including her own! A lady of light, a boy named Gus, and a stolen dog add to this tale of courage, trust, and friendship. At the end of her story, the children ask Chris about her actions and feelings, the same questions readers would ask. A *More from the Author* section takes readers behind-the-scenes with more on the topic, characters and places, and a few resources. Overall, [If Roses Were Blue](#) is an adventure story that sparkles with magic, comfort, and inspiration for survivors of abuse.

“Exceptionally well written and ultimately inspiring, “If Roses Were Blue” is a unique and extraordinary read. Simply stated, especially in this new era of sexual harassment awareness, “If Roses Were Blue” should be a part of every community library collection, and the personal reading lists of anyone who has ever been subjected to sexual assault.”

– **Midwest Book Review**

http://www.midwestbookreview.com/mbw/jan_18.htm#helen

Beverly Hills Book Awards winners and finalists are determined based on “overall excellence of presentation – a synergy of form and content” over a wide range of genres.

<http://www.beverlyhillsbookawards.com/7th-BHBA-Winners-and-Finalists.htm>

Best Book Awards, sponsored by American Book Fest, is an online publication providing coverage for books from mainstream and independent publishers to the world online community.

<http://www.americanbookfest.com/2018bbapressrelease.html>

The Wishing Shelf Book Awards hosts a unique judging panel - the author’s intended audience. Teachers, parents, a literacy coordinator, and age appropriate students read *If Roses Were Blue* resulting in a 4 star rating and a red ribbon win! <http://www.thewsa.co.uk/winners2017/>

The Human Relations Indie Book Awards recognize indie authors who have written books with a human relations focus related to various interactions among people in different settings.

<http://humanrelationsindiebookawards.com/results.php>

Debbie Jenae works to empower survivors. She has served as a Hawaii court appointed special advocate for seven years and was recognized by the Governor’s office for her dedication. Her first book, *Be An Inspiration!*, is based on her list of *101 Things You Can Do To Prevent Child Abuse*—a collection of ideas and resources to promote positive action, advocacy, and healing for survivors, caregivers, and agents of change. She publishes a monthly newsletter entitled *Inspired 101 News* based on that theme. Always fascinated by human behavior and potential, Debbie is a Master Certified Graphoanalyst (handwriting analyst) and was named 2015 Graphoanalyst of the Year by the International Graphoanalysis Society. She has published more than 300 articles on character and personality through her columns *Write On!* and *Handwriting @ Work*. Her intention is always to encourage and inspire. Debbie lives in California’s Santa Ynez Valley.

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