



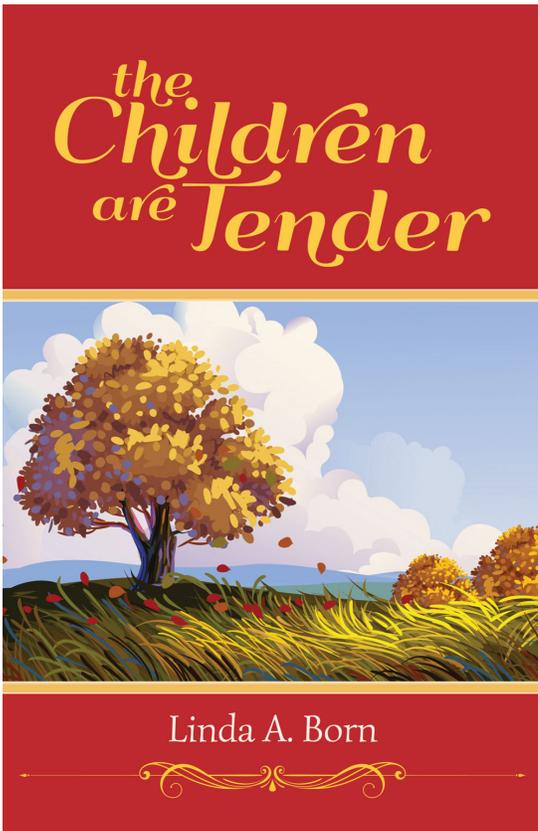
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NOVEL FEATURES HEARTWARMING AND HEART-STOPPING ADVENTURES OF FIRST-YEAR TEACHER

Author and Veteran Educator Entertains with Hilarious Classroom Tales



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: : Young Tommy disappears during a field trip, Jeffrey risks electrocution by urination and Brenna struggles to learn how to read. It's all in a day's work for a first-year teacher in the tiny town of Karola in the 1970s. In this tale of heartwarming classroom adventures in rural Kansas, author Linda Born's new novel, *The Children Are Tender* (Ambassador International; March 2013; \$14.99, paperback), addresses the importance of childhood education and emotional development while also focusing on issues of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

First year teacher, Lydia Birn quickly learns that there are challenges to being an elementary school teacher. With the support of her husband, Farmer John, and her two colleagues, Abby and Ruth, Lydia must rely on her faith in God as she navigates the emotional needs of children as well as her own personal life. "I spent 22 years as a first grade teacher which gave me the background of experience to write this novel," says Born. "The kids can make you want to laugh and cry, which is very much reality for any elementary teacher." *In The Children Are Tender* a sense of place and community lies at the heart of the story making the imaginary town of Karola, Kansas as important as the characters themselves.

Although not a biography, Born draws from many of her own life experiences in the novel. She based the character of Ruby Mae on her mother, Anna Ruth Williamson, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2004 and inspired Born's first book, *My Mom Has Alzheimer's*.

To learn more about the author and her new book, *The Children Are Tender*, visit www.lindaborn.com. For interview requests please contact publicist Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. Although this book is fiction you draw from many of your own life experiences and the people that you know (including your name – Lydia Birn, Linda Born). Did you do this intentionally or did it happen organically as you were writing?
2. One of the main challenges that your character Lydia faces is the lack of funding for her classroom as well as the not seeing eye-to-eye with those in authority regarding teaching methods. Are these issues that you see today in the field of education even though your novel is set in the 1970's?
3. What do you hope that readers come away with after reading *The Children Are Tender*?
4. A sense of community and the setting of the novel in a rural town are very important to you. What is it about this imaginary town and its real-life inspiration that carries the novel, at times making the town appear as another character in itself?



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