

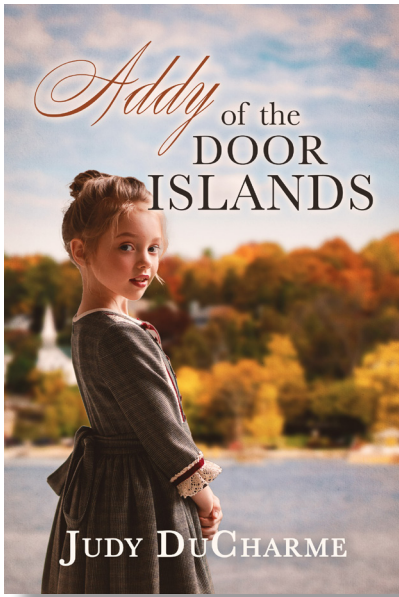


# Addy of the Door Islands news release

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**NINETEENTH CENTURY ORPHAN TRAINS COME TO LIFE THROUGH THE VIEWPOINT OF TWO SISTERS.  
A COUPLE STRUGGLES TO CHOOSE TWO SISTERS AS THEY AWAIT THEIR NEWBORN, BUT ULTIMATELY CHOOSE LOVE.**



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**For immediate release:** In the long-awaited sequel to *Lainey of the Door Islands*, *Addy of the Door Islands* (Ambassador International, May 3, 2022, \$17.99) is the story of Addy, a little girl who arrived on an orphan train with her sister, desperate for a home, love, and acceptance. Lainey and her husband Clifford find themselves on the verge of parenthood—both adoptive and biological—and find that their adventures on Door Island are only beginning.

**About the book:** Before there was foster care, there were Orphan Trains. From award-winning author Judy DuCharme comes a novel that blends the beautiful, welcoming Door Islands with the heart-rending realities of the historic Orphan Trains. Addy and Molly are two young sisters, fresh off the Orphan Train, desperately looking for a home and parents to love them. “Can you be my mommy. I need a mommy.” Molly’s sobs filled the room as she buried her face in Lainey’s shoulder.”

Clifford and Lainey are two expectant parents, willing to take in one older child, but unsure about adding two sisters to their babe on the way for a total of three children. When Addy hears Lainey voice her concern over caring for three children alone, she then convinces her little sister that they needed to run away. “No, Molly. We have to leave. They don’t want us.” While the sisters’ escape is short-lived, it forces Lainey and Clifford to face their doubts and choose whether or not they should commit themselves to the girls. Later, the girls seek out their birth parents and discover some crushing news. In this delightful sequel to *Lainey of the Door Islands*, Judy DuCharme brings back the charm of the Door Islands, while encouraging readers to confront the more serious themes of love, rejection, and just what makes a family a family.

**About the author:** Judy DuCharme grew up with Lake Huron next to her back yard and has always loved the water. She, her husband, daughter and son have lived in Door County, a peninsula that juts into Lake Michigan in Northeast Wisconsin, since 1984. After teaching 5th Grade for 22 years, Judy followed the calling that tugged at her all her life to write. *Addy of the Door Islands* is the sequel to *Lainey of the Door Islands*. It is her ninth published book and she is the recipient of numerous awards. If you visit Door County, you may find her hiking in the woods, jet skiing on the bay, worshipping at her church, teaching a Bible study, cheering for the Green Bay Packers, playing with her grandson, or sitting outside enjoying the beauty around her.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Addy of the Door Islands*, please contact publicity director Susanna Maurer at [media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com).

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### **Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:**

1. How long have you been writing (in general)
2. How did you get the idea for this book?
3. Are these real places and real people in the book?
4. Do you know anyone that came on the Orphan Train?
5. Did you have to do a lot of research?
6. What is your favorite part about writing?
7. What is your least favorite or hardest part of writing?
8. Why do you write in so many different genres?
9. How long does it take to write a book?
10. What's next? Which books do you plan to write next?

### **Endorsements:**

“Between 1854 and 1929, ‘Orphan Trains’ ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates were unknown. *Addy of the Door Islands* is a story of two such sisters, who through a series of unfortunate events become orphan children during one of the most challenging eras of history. This book is a delightful story of hope and the enduring faithfulness of God. The author, Judy DuCharme, combines the history of Door County with her knowledge of the area and accounts of the hardships of the early settlers to give us a story so believable that you feel you know the characters of the book, the struggles that they faced, their belief in the power of love and forgiveness, and the deep, abiding power of faith which sets them all on the path that is God’s plan for their lives.”

—MICHELLE KEMP

Master Gardener, Vice President of Friends of Peninsula State Park, Door County,  
Chairperson of Ellison Bay Service Club Flower Project

“*Addy of the Door Islands* is such a lovely fictional story that includes so much actual fact. My own mother-in-law came from out East to Chicago on the Orphan Train at age nine to her new family to be a helper for the sickly mother. She arrived on the steamer in Ephraim just like Addy. I’m an eighteen-year docent for the Ephraim Historical Foundation, founded in 1853 by a Moravian mission-oriented minister in northern Door County, Wisconsin. I continue to love the facts and endurance these people have been through, and I so enjoyed this heart-warming story of Addy and her love for the Door County Islands.”

—KAREN SOHNS EKBERG

Ephraim Historian Docent,  
Volunteer for the Ephraim Historical Foundation

“Spunky and prone to getting herself into trouble, Addy takes her place in the tradition of such heroines as Caddie Woodlawn and Anne Shirley. With an atmosphere as fresh as a breeze off the water, DuCharme draws readers into a tale of adventures and tenderhearted family life. Charming characters and evocative settings support a delicate handling of weighty themes like grief, loss, and trauma. Even when the story deals with sadness and difficult questions, threads of hope and joy buoy it up.”

—KIRSTEN PANACHYDA

Author of *Among Lions: Fighting for Faith and Finding your Rest while Parenting a Child with Mental Illness* and *Kneeling Among Lions: Praying when your Child has a Mental Illness*

“In *Addy of the Door Islands*, Judy DuCharme has crafted a delightful story reminiscent of Anne of Green Gables but tells the story of Orphan Train sisters, Addy and Molly. The sisters have fun, and sometimes scary, adventures, all while learning to trust God’s plan and their new family. I fell in love with Addy and Molly, just like their adoptive parents did. I think you will, too!”

—PAM HALTER

Author of the award-winning picture book series, *Willoughby and Friends*

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