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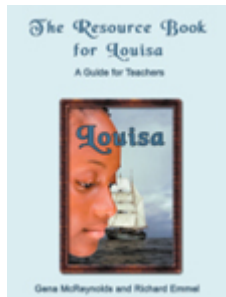
Middle School Teacher Inspires Students with Great American Novel



ATLANTA, (December 8, 2008) - Just in time for Christmas, author and teacher Richard Emmel and Parson Place Press announce huge savings on the novel, *Louisa*, and on the educational aid *The Resource Book for Louisa: A Guide for Teachers*, plus others. Visit the Parson Place Press Bookstore at www.parsonplacepress.com/store/special for more details.

Mr. Emmel's story of *Louisa* transports you back to colonial American times to witness the terrifying capture and brutal enslavement of Farih Morowa, a Fulani African princess, who is renamed Louisa by her owners. She later amazes the world with her intellect and poetic writing skills. How she was nurtured, educated, and rose to international celebrity as an authoress, before ultimately gaining her freedom from slavery, is a truly inspiring journey for readers of all ages.

Ms. Kathy Hickey, also known as "the Book Lady," a Literacy Specialist with the Arkansas Department of Education, says of *Louisa*, "The narrative swept me along as I vicariously lived the amazing story of this black woman who rose, despite all odds, to become a famous poet of her day." Dr. Paul J. Smith, a Little Rock educator, says, "*Louisa* is an excellent book."



Middle School teachers: Richard Emmel, at Joe T. Robinson Middle School, in western Pulaski County, Arkansas, and Gena McReynolds, at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Bellevue, Washington, have also recently co-authored an excellent resource for middle school teachers based on the novel *Louisa*, which is available in both hard cover and soft cover editions. The novel is loosely based on the life of colonial African-American poetess, Phillis Wheatley, and *The Resource Book for Louisa: A Guide for Teachers* provides a wide variety of methods for teaching middle school students such topics as slavery in colonial America, civil and human rights, literature in colonial America, and the influence of religion in colonial America.

To obtain copies of *The Resource Book for Louisa: A Guide for Teachers* or the novel, *Louisa*, ask your local bookstore or library to order it from Ingram Books using ISBN 978-0-9786567-5-1 (for *The Resource Book for Louisa*) or 978-0-9786567-0-6 (for the novel, *Louisa*), or you may purchase them directly from the publisher at www.parsonplacepress.com/store. Both titles are also available on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and wherever fine books are sold. Just search on the books' ISBN.

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