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BAZILLION KISSES BRING CHEER, INSPIRE PATIENCE AS CHILD'S BROKEN LEG HEALS

Writer Creates Whimsical Children's Book after Granddaughter's "Oh, No!" Fall

NASHVILLE, TN – When her granddaughter, then 2+, was sidelined by a huge spica cast to heal her broken leg, writer Judith Wolf Mandell searched for a book to buoy the child's spirits. She found only stories that gloss over the realities of a prolonged recovery.

Mandell vowed to write a book that gives children and their families realistic expectations about recovery – and gives youngsters a whimsical secret source of patience and power.

Fulfilling that vow, ***Sammy's Broken Leg (Oh, No!) and the Amazing Cast That Fixed It*** has earned experts' recommendations ***for young children recovering from the physical and emotional upset of life interrupted by a cast***. The book will also entertain and comfort children in a spica cast, like Sammy's, for treatment of hip dysplasia.

"A loving story that educates, encourages and entertains, it captures the feelings of the whole family. Sweet whimsy combines with a realistic portrayal of the patience needed until a child's recovery is complete," says Steven Passik, PhD, pain psychologist.

Lavished with Lise C. Brown's quirky, insightful illustrations, the book recounts Sammy's woes. One minute she's fine. The next minute, she has a broken leg. Hours later she finds herself in a chest-to-ankle cast...and her life turned topsy-turvy. The high-spirited child is now consigned to bean bag chairs and propped with pillows. Cast care is a bother. The days slog by.

Sammy becomes sad, angry, frustrated. She wants her old life back. Now!

Astonishing! As Sammy was being wrapped in purple fiberglass, a bazillion Kisses had secretly whooshed into her cast. The Kisses are from all the people who love Sammy and know in their hearts she's hurting. In a voice only Sammy can hear, they whisper encouragement during weeks of healing. Even after the last chunk of cast is sawed away, The Kisses stay on the job until Sammy regains her muscle power and balance.

ONE KISS FOR A BOO-BOO. A BAZILLION KISSES FOR A CAST!

Judith Wolf Mandell has had a long and varied career as a journalist and publicist. This is her first book. ***Lise C. Brown*** is an artist whose creations in a variety of mediums are in collections worldwide.

Sammy's Broken Leg and the Amazing Cast That Fixed It is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and bookstores nationwide and in Kindle and iBook editions. For more information, visit

www.sammysbrokenleg.com.

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Bios: Author and Illustrator

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Young Children's Fractures

Femur (Thigh Bone) Fractures & Spica Casts

Hip Dysplasia

Trampoline Danger

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Granddaughter Cast Photo