



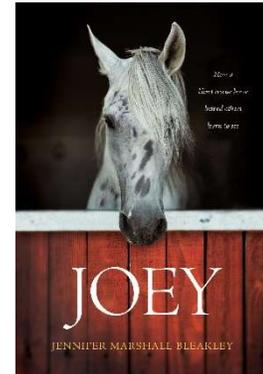
Media Alert

JOEY

How a blind rescue horse helped others learn to see

The heartwarming true story of a blind horse named Joey.

At the height of his show career, this beautiful Appaloosa's majestic stature, strength, and willingness to work made him the perfect partner. But when an injury cost Joey his show career, he moved from one owner to the next, ultimately experiencing severe abuse and neglect. A rescue group found Joey nearly dead from starvation—and blind.



Then he came to Hope Reins—a ranch dedicated to helping hurting kids who had been abused, emotionally wounded, or unwanted. By teaching these children to care for rescued animals, the Hope Reins staff were convinced they could reach kids with love and hope and show them that we are never forgotten by God.

But could the financially struggling ranch afford to take care of a blind horse that no one else wanted? Could Joey somehow learn to trust people even though the world had hurt him so badly? And what would happen—to Joey, the kids, and Hope Reins—if they failed?

A true story of friendship destined to become a classic, *Joey* will touch your heart and reveal the power of finding light in the darkness.

Includes a color photo insert and a discussion guide.

***Joey* is available for review, and Jennifer Bleakley is available for interviews to discuss:**

- How a blind rescue horse impacted abused and abandoned children
- True-life testament to the power of blind faith
- Modern-day miracles; heartwarming true story of how God uses animals to heal



About the Author



Jennifer Bleakley, who has worked as a child and family grief counselor, earned an undergraduate degree in biology from Florida Southern College and a master's degree in mental health counseling from Nova Southeastern University. Jennifer leads a women's Bible study in her hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina, and speaks to audiences about God's great grace and his delight in using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. She writes print and online Bible curriculum for children and is a contributing author for She Believes online Bible studies. Jennifer lives with her husband, two children, and one frisky puppy in Raleigh, North Carolina. Visit her online at jenniferbleakley.com.

*A percentage of the author's proceeds from her book, **Joey**, will go to supporting Hope Reins which pairs hurting kids with rescued horses.*

Interview Questions

- Your book is a true story that in many ways reads like an inspirational novel. How did you meet Joey, the blind rescue horse in the title?
- And how did you (someone with no real horse experience) end up writing a book about a horse?
- In what ways did writing Joey's story affect your own?
- In a world so full of pain and brokenness, how can something as simple as a horse make any real difference in a child's life?
- In what ways did you draw on your grief counseling background to write this book?
- Why do you think children exposed to equine therapy connect so strongly to a horse?
- What did you learn about Joey's life before he ended up at Hope Reins? Was he really a champion?
- What do you feel is the main theme or message of your book, *Joey*?

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