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AUTHOR RECEIVES 6TH AWARD FOR INSPIRING SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

*“Child abuse thrives in secrecy. Healing thrives in remembering our value and potential.
If Roses Were Blue is a smile for the survivors soul!” – Debbie Jenae*

SANTA YNEZ, CA, USA 11/22/25—50 years ago, she had no one to tell. Today, she is one of an estimated 40 million+ adult survivors of child abuse in the United States alone. Once a painfully shy victim, she now speaks with passion and optimism as she shares her insights to inspire other survivors. *If Roses Were Blue*, captures that essence in an adventure story for children that has won **six awards** and honors since its release in 2017. Most recently a Finalist in the Independent Author Book of The Year Awards and First Place Winner in the International Firebird Book Awards.

“A sensitive and well-written look at sexual abuse. A RED RIBBON WINNER and highly recommended.” – The Wishing Shelf Book Awards

Book Summary: Chris, a college student, decides to tell her story to a group of young children, one of whom she knows is keeping a terrible secret—a secret that Chris had also kept at that age. With tenderness and insight, she takes the reader back several years to a decision that marked the beginning of a series of rescues, including her own! A lady of light, a boy named Gus, and a stolen dog add to this tale of courage, trust, and friendship. At the end of her story, the children ask Chris about her actions and feelings, the same questions readers would ask. A *More from the Author* section takes readers behind-the-scenes with more on the topic, characters and places, and a few resources. Overall, *If Roses Were Blue* is an adventure story that offers comfort and inspiration for survivors of abuse and those who care about them.

“Exceptionally well written and ultimately inspiring, "If Roses Were Blue" is a unique and extraordinary read. Simply stated, especially in this new era of sexual harassment awareness, "If Roses Were Blue" should be a part of every community library collection, and the personal reading lists of anyone who has ever been subjected to sexual assault.”

– **Midwest Book Review**

http://www.midwestbookreview.com/mbw/jan_18.htm#helen

Debbie Jenae works to empower survivors. She has served as a Hawaii court appointed special advocate for seven years and was recognized by the Governor's office for her dedication. Her first book, *Be An Inspiration!*, is based on her list of *101 Things You Can Do To Prevent Child Abuse* has been updated, expanded, and retitled to *101 Ways to Wow! Our World*—a collection of ideas and resources to encourage positive action. She publishes a monthly newsletter entitled *Inspired 101 News* based on that theme. Always fascinated by human behavior and potential, Debbie is a Master Certified Graphoanalyst (handwriting analyst) and was named 2015 Graphoanalyst of the Year by the International Graphoanalysis Society. She has published more than 300 articles on character and personality through her columns *Write On!* and *Handwriting @ Work*. Her intention is always to encourage and inspire. Debbie lives in California's Santa Ynez Valley.

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