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**Little Boy’s Quest for Answers Inspires Children’s Book**

*Author Promotes Organ Donation*

Brandylane Publishers, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia has announced the release of *Do Spiders Need Leggins When It’s Cold Outside?* by Terri Sebastian, a bedtime story book full of silly sayings, mysterious nighttime noises, and curious life questions. Along with the spider that needs leggins, author Terri Sebastian introduces readers to a silly old polka dot cat, a lady moose all dressed in red, and the pirate that lives in a closet inside a shoe with his crewmate, a little brown mouse.

Each story in this book is inspired by childhood questions posed by Terri’s son, Ryan. After Ryan died just before his 16th birthday, Terri decided to publish a collection of his stories to honor him. Now, Ryan’s memory is carried on not only by this book and these stories, but also by the five people whose lives he saved by being an organ donor.

Author Terri Sebastian was born in Chicago, Illinois. Her father played on the opposing team that traveled with the Harlem Globetrotters, and her mother was an opera singer with the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company. Terri earned a master’s degree in education at the University of Illinois and recently retired after thirty years in the education field. She lives in a log cabin, deep in the woods, which she, her son and her husband built.

The book is colorfully illustrated by Button Boggs, an illustrator, portrait painter, muralist, sculptor, writer and book artist. She has been an artist / writer-in-residence in schools in King William County, Petersburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Richmond. She is the author and illustrator of *Noah and the Ark as told by Unkle Ernie*. Some of the other books she’s illustrated include *Lily of St. Lukes: the Blessing of the Animals* written by Fran Olsen, *River Rats* written by Ralph Christopher, and *The Monarch’s Feast*,from the family and friends of the Mary Munford School. She lives in Walkerton, Virginia with her husband Terry.

Brandylane Publishers, Inc. is an independent press located in Richmond, Virginia that has published fiction, non-fiction, and poetry since 1985.

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*Do Spiders Wear Leggins When It’s Cold Outside?* (hardcover with color illustrations, 40 pages, $19.95 retail) is available from fine booksellers, amazon.com, www.brandylanepublishers.com, by calling 804.644.3090, faxing 804.644.3092, or by writing 5 South First Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

**Requests for review copies should be made to the publisher.**