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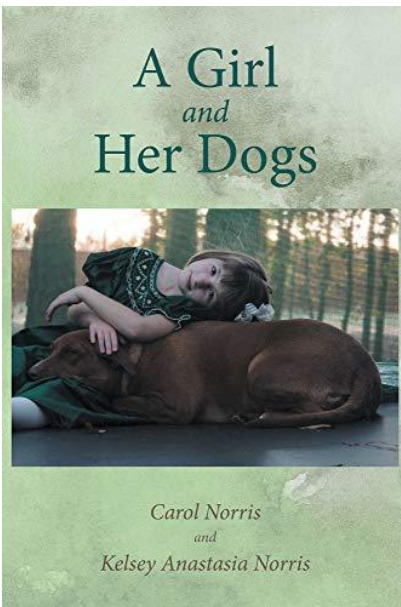
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### **Veterans High Student Publishes 2<sup>nd</sup> Book**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Veterans High School ninth grader Kelsey Norris has published a second book and was nominated for the National Schneider Family Book Award. Kelsey co-authored *A Girl and Her Dogs* with her mother, Carol Norris.

*A Girl and Her Dogs* is a story about a girl and her extraordinary rescue dogs. Kelsey herself has an extraordinary story. At 11 months of age, she was adopted by her mom from an orphanage in Russia, and the doctors thought she might never walk. She weighed less than 14 pounds, and the doctors did not know if she would ever walk or talk.

Today, Kelsey is thriving and on the honor roll. None of this success would have been possible if not for the love of her two rescue dogs, Izzie and Sadie. The most significant turning point in Kelsey's life was the day she met Izzie, who has is her protector, best friend, and confidant. An abandoned puppy, Sadie, joined them a few years later.

Although Kelsey did not win the national award, it was a great honor to be nominated. As part of the American Library Association's Media Youth Awards, the National Schneider Family Book Award honors an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences.

Kelsey also co-authored with her mom *I Want To Make a Difference*. The books may be purchased online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books-A-Million websites. Kelsey's third book, *You Can Move Mountains*, will be published this year.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as principal. Learn more about Kelsey from this [Atlanta Journal Constitution article](#).

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