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## A New Spin on a Classic Tale

### **The Curse of the Neverland: A modern-day tale of the Neverland, post-Peter Pan.**

SEQUIM, WA, June 3, 2015 –Take the Neverland as we’ve known it: home of Peter Pan, the Lost Boys, and the iconic Tinker Bell. Now, stand it on its ear. Throw in Peter’s defection, the unkind passage of time with its threat of old age and death for Tinker Bell, add political alliances, double-crossing, betrayal, a new pirate captain, a dragon-gone-bad, high emotional stakes, a pack of motley foster girls including Peter Pan’s unknowing granddaughter, Piper, and you’ve got Lindy MacLaine’s debut novel, *The Curse of the Neverland*.

“I’ve loved the Neverland since I played Peter Pan in J.M. Barrie’s classic play at age eleven,” says author Lindy MacLaine. “It was the ultimate experience of empowered freedom.” *The Curse of the Neverland* is the first book in a fantasy adventure series designed for modern-day children. Mixing a sense of humor with adventure, it will appeal both to kids who like fantastical tales, and to those who want a more grounded sense of character and place.

The story is told from alternating points of view. Eleven-year-old Piper, flown to the Neverland by the seat of her pants, is too focused on avenging past wrongs to fly, laugh, or crow. Pirate Captain Li’l Jack, Belle’s erstwhile protégé, is bent on gaining real hands, even if it means destroying the Neverland. Belle, formerly Tinker Bell, will do anything and collaborate with anyone to save her home and her life. The subsequent bargains bring the rest of the foster girls from Fitch’s Last Ditch Foster Home in Seattle to the Neverland, and turn misadventures into transformative bonds of friendship. The message of empowerment through believing in oneself and each other leaves hope that the Neverland may yet be saved.

Having moved frequently as a child, MacLaine credits books with giving her a place to dream. “I used to invite friends over and take them on imaginary adventures to Oz,” she smiles. “When I started writing, much later in life, I thought: ‘What if I’d been able to go to the Neverland to have a real adventure?’” This series is my answer to that question.

When asked what audience the book is for, MacLaine says “Honestly, it’s for ages 9 to 90. But it makes an especially good gift from hip grandmothers and cool aunts to the kids they love ages 9-12. Most of my adult fans enjoy the book themselves first, then gift it on.”

Fans will receive access to very cool downloadable character posters and even a coloring book when they visit [www.PiperPanAndHerMerryBand.com](http://www.PiperPanAndHerMerryBand.com) and subscribe to the author’s email newsletter.

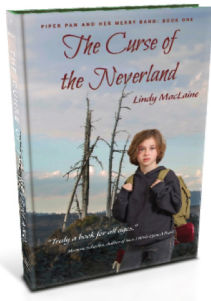
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### About the Author:



Lindy lives on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State with her husband and two cats. In addition to working on the next book in the *Piper Pan and Her Merry Band* series, she is a Life Purpose and Creativity Coach. “We’re never too old to have grand adventures,” she says. Learn more or contact the author through the book’s website: [www.piperpanandhermerryband.com](http://www.piperpanandhermerryband.com).

### About the Book:



When eleven-year old Piper Pizzinni arrives in the nearly dead Neverland, she is shocked to learn she is Peter Pan’s granddaughter, tasked with saving the magical island from destruction. Too focused on avenging past wrongs to fly, laugh, or crow, will she join forces with her rag-tag group of fellow foster girls and the ancient fairy Belle, formerly Tinker Bell, in time to stop the dastardly Captain Li'l Jack and his dragon Sincoraz?

*The Curse of the Neverland* is the first book in the fantasy adventure series *Piper Pan and Her Merry Band*. Published March 12, 2015 by Artisan Bookworks, 2015, ISBN 978-0989869270, \$24.98, the book is available through local bookstores, on-line booksellers, or ask your local library to acquire the title.

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