

Little Fables™ Collection

Short Stories ~ Big Lessons

Author Brings Fable Back Home

By Hal Conick, St. Charles Republican

ST. CHARLES, IL – When R.T. Moser was a child, he always enjoyed reading a good fable.

“I enjoyed the moral lessons in them,” Moser said. “But they were written so long ago that they tend to be a little dry in some people’s opinion.”

Moser decided to take the fable game into his own hands. The St. Charles author has written *The Chocolate Story*, *The Lemonade Story*, and will have *The Pillow Story* coming out in November.

According to Moser, one dollar from each story sold goes to a charity each book represents. Money from *The Pillow Story* will be going to Lazarus House in St. Charles. During a promotion during the fall, \$5 from each copy of *The Pillow Story* will be donated.

“It’s fun to sort of come back home and benefit Lazarus House here,” Moser said. His previous two books benefited the International Cocoa Initiative from Geneva, Switzerland, and Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation based in Pennsylvania.

Moser said he got into writing the fables when he realized how much he missed the connection to young children. “I thought it might be fun to write something for children based on the experience of raising my kids,” Moser said.

Moser recently read at Geneva’s The Little Traveler and will read *The Chocolate Story* at 1 p.m. Oct. 10 at St. Charles’ Lincoln Park and at 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Blue Goose.

Notable & Quotable

For Moser’s upcoming release, *The Pillow Story*, a naming contest for one of the characters is being held through the Blue Goose. The character, appropriately enough, is a blue goose.

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Children's book author R.T. Moser talks about one of the illustrations in his book, "The Lemonade Story" Monday Aug. 17 at Lincoln Park in St. Charles. Mark Busch

A contribution from the sale of each book is made to these organizations in support of their efforts to improve the lives of children:

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On storytelling

“The teachers have been inviting me back,” Moser said. “That’s a really positive sign. Hopefully my storytelling talents are improving as well.”

Philosophy

“My approach is to include more than one moral lesson in each fable,” Moser said. “Put some humor in there and make it fun for (the kids). Kids love that, even parents love that. It really makes (the stories) engaging.”

Favorites

Books

Moser said with so much writing of fables the past couple of years, he hasn’t gotten into many books.

Children’s fable

“Tortoise and the Hare”

Music

Alternative music, acoustic music, “a variety”

Other interests

Biking the Fox River trail, kayaking the Fox, architecture

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