



## About Lori Jordan-Rice

Author of *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor* and *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor: The Perseverance of Christopher Columbus*



A native of Lewisville, Texas, Lori Jordan-Rice is a former elementary school teacher who taught in Dallas/Fort Worth area school districts for 10 years. Her classroom experience ranges from kindergarten through sixth grades. Jordan-Rice graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies/elementary education, and has received several Lifetime Texas Teacher Certificates, including Elementary Self Contained (grades 1st through 8th), Elementary Reading (grades 1st through 8th) and Early Childhood Education (pre-kindergarten through kindergarten).

Disappointed by the historical illiteracy rate among American children today, Jordan-Rice was determined to provide a resource to help kids learn the fundamentals of U.S. history in an exciting and engaging way. Her two new children's books, *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor* (Synergy Books, October 2009, 978-0-9821601-4-5, \$12.95) and *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor: The Perseverance of Christopher Columbus* (Synergy Books, October 2009, 978-0-9821601-5-2, \$12.95) usher in an imaginative new series featuring a fictional classroom full of memorable modern day characters alongside historical figures such as the pilgrims, the founding fathers of the United States and, of course, Christopher Columbus.

Book one in the "Miss Trimble's Trapdoor" series follows Tyler, a young boy who hates school until one day, when his nervous foot-tapping in the classroom unlocks a secret trapdoor beneath his desk. He falls into a mysterious basement filled with old books guarded by a magical talking dog named Barnabas Bailey. Tyler's new canine friend guides him through important points in America's past, allowing Tyler to witness history firsthand.

In *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor: The Perseverance of Christopher Columbus*, Tyler continues his travels through time with his trusted canine guide, Barney, as they sail aboard the Santa Maria with Columbus himself. When Tyler sees the setbacks even a great explorer can face before reaching his dream, Tyler knows he can't give up on his goals of making the school basketball team and delivering an awesome report on Columbus in front of the whole class.

With the *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor* series, Jordan-Rice provides positive lessons in history, as well as other life lessons such as believing in yourself and reaching for goals, for children ages 6-12. Kids can visit [www.MissTrimblesTrapdoor.com](http://www.MissTrimblesTrapdoor.com) to write to main characters Tyler and Barney, as well as for helpful educational links, crosswords and word searches.

Jordan-Rice currently resides near Fort Worth in Saginaw, Texas, with her husband, Eric, three sons and four rescued dogs. She is an active member of the PTA and PTO in the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD and attends First Baptist Church of Saginaw. Upcoming titles in the "Miss Trimble's Trapdoor" series include *The Courage of the Pilgrims* and *The Independence of the Founding Fathers*.

The series is illustrated by Fox Carlton Hughes, who has worked on books for many major authors, including over a dozen for the "Walt Disney Classic Tales" series. He has also won numerous awards for his own illustrated children's stories, including a Mom's Choice Award for *Rainbow Rhino*. His educational book series "The Educats" encourages children to write and is used as a teaching aid in schools across the country.

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