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NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK RELEASE: *The Good Fire Helmet*

A book about a young boy who finds courage when he needs it most

Title: *The Good Fire Helmet*

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(St. Paul, MN) Alma Little, an imprint of award-winning independent publisher Elva Resa Publishing, is pleased to announce the release of *The Good Fire Helmet*, a picture book by Tim Hoppey and Lori McElrath-Eslick.

Tommy and Christian treasure the firefighter's helmet that once belonged to their dad. The chaplain had told the boys, "If you just touch your fingers to this fire helmet, its courage can be given to you. A good fire helmet has been known to do that." Christian believes the helmet makes him brave when he gets a shot at the doctor's office and wards off scary shadows at night, but his big brother isn't so sure. Tommy's real test of courage comes the day Christian falls into the creek and is swept downstream, along with the helmet. Tommy draws on memories of his dad--and the courage he finds inside himself--to rescue his brother.

About the Author and Illustrator

For the past twenty-five years, TIM HOPPEY has worked as a New York City firefighter stationed in Spanish Harlem. When he's not fighting fires, he runs summer rafting trips on the Delaware River for inner city boys. An All-America lacrosse player, Tim enjoys throwing the ball around with his three adult children. Tim is the author of several children's books, including the award-winning *Tivo*, *The Firefighter* (Raven Tree Press). He lives with his wife, Ellen, on Long Island.

An award-winning illustrator, LORI McELRATH-ESLICK has illustrated many children's books and her work has also appeared in magazines such as *Highlights for Children* and *National Wildlife*. Her many awards include the International Reading Association's Storyteller Award and the 2009 Bank Street College's list of Best Children's Books of the Year. Lori's paintings appear in university and public library exhibits and collections around the country. She lives with her family in Michigan, where she enjoys painting, camping, swimming, and cross-country skiing.

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