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~ **What Critics Say about Blackwater Novels Release *My Brother's Story* ~**

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My Brother's Story

Written by Allen Johnson Jr.

Illustrated by Kelley McMorris

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208 Pages ~ Hardback ~ Retail \$14.99

— **Kathryn Tucker Windham**

(Legendary National Public Radio storyteller)

“Young readers will meet fun characters whose adventures are marked by honesty, loyalty, love and courage. Older readers will applaud a refreshing story that recalls and fosters those ideals.”

— **Hastings Crockard**

(Crockard first connected with ***My Brother's Story*** as a 10-year old after finding the book at her school's book fair. Now 24, Hasting's works in commercial real estate in Washington D.C. She offers a girl's point of view of this very special adventure story.)

My Brother's Story gives “getting lost in a book,” a whole new meaning.

“Whenever my father took me to a sporting goods store as a young girl, I always found myself begging for a BB gun instead of a University of Alabama cheerleading uniform. In the hot summer months in Alabama, my little sister and I rarely chose playing “dress-up,” over scrambling through creeks searching for crawfish and tadpoles. While I did some of the stereotypical “girly” activities, playing outside with the neighborhood boys was more fun. Setting things on fire, starting “wars” with kids from other neighborhoods, climbing trees and getting into trouble was always more interesting!

*I discovered **My Brother's Story** at the age of ten at my elementary school's book fair. I was quick to grow a strong connection with the characters, especially the two boys. I went on adventures with Johnny and Will. I hurt with them, laughed with them, and I loved with them. Looking through my original copy, I found sticky notes clinging to the pages of the book with commentaries on how I felt about certain parts of the story . . . anything from my curiosity about the price of country ham and eggs “back then,” to my being heartbroken by Johnny being mistreated. It is clear that I loved the book very much.*

My Brother's Story illustrates Southern culture beautifully. For those who aren't from the South, the mysteries of the Southern way of life are revealed. This is a wonderful story that is entertaining and moving. Allen Johnson Jr. has perfected communicating with his readers, young and old.”

— **Jim Reed**

(Writer, published author, bookseller, film actor and lover of good books)

“Allen Johnson Jr. is persistent. He never gives up, and unlike most of us, he just keeps on ticking away at the storyteller's craft. He's at his best in *My Brother's Story*.”