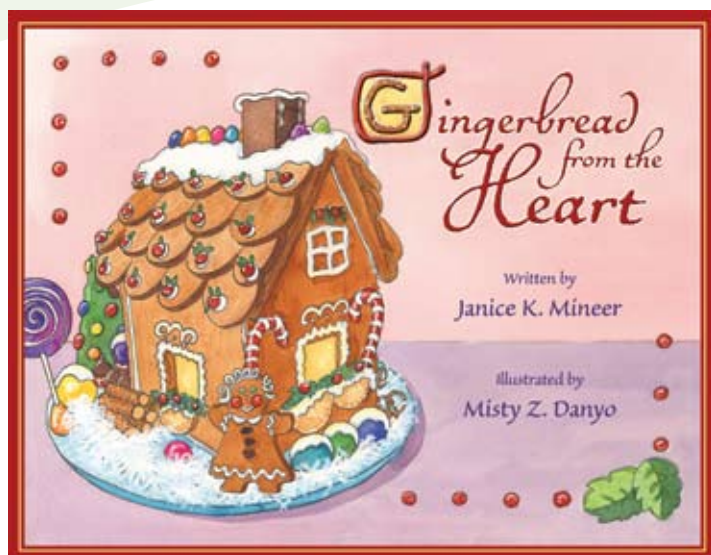


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CHARMING NEW HOLIDAY BOOK BY MONTANA AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR BENEFITS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Gingerbread and gumdrops galore! In the charming and beautifully illustrated new holiday book *Gingerbread from the Heart*, three children make delightful, candy-covered gingerbread houses for their grandmother. There's a crooked graham cracker house, a crazy beach hut, and a nearly perfect fairy tale house with a cookie roof. Each has its own charm, but the question is, which one will Grandma like the best?

Gingerbread from the Heart is written by Janice K. Mineer, known as "The Gingerbread Lady," and illustrated by artist Misty Z. Danyo. An expert in gingerbread house construction, Mineer has created a plethora of gingerbread houses, including a masterful 8-foot-tall structure that was auctioned off at Missoula's Gingerbread House Contest for the Ronald McDonald House, a program she led for five years.

"A story that touched my heart," Mineer says, "was that of Kristin [not her real name] a five-year-old-girl who worked hard to create a gingerbread house entry for the Ronald McDonald House contest every year, helping to raise money for people who needed to stay at the RMH while their child received medical care. Kristin was even brave enough to appear on television one year and spoke up fearlessly to invite others to participate in the fundraiser. It wasn't until the third year that I learned that the adorable brown-haired girl with big eyes had type-1 diabetes, a condition that severely limited her ability to eat any of the goodies she placed on her

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perfect little houses. It was then I learned the power that children have to touch lives and to do good, often beyond our expectations.

"Mineer believes that the child who learns to care about others benefits by discovering his or her own personal skills and finding inner strength. Such service also helps children lead more balanced lives and appreciate and enjoy the things they have. Creating a gingerbread house with a child in an attitude of service helps create not only a charming confection, but can also create an important connection with others.

"A kind deed is a sweet gift from the heart," Mineer says.

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A portion of the proceeds from *Gingerbread from the Heart* benefits the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Montana.

Gingerbread from the Heart is available at local bookstores and gift shops, through online retailers, or from distributor Farcountry Press at 1.800.821.3874, www.farcountrypress.com.

To receive free gingerbread house patterns and information, email Janice Mineer at jkmineerauthor@gmail.com. The book's official website is <http://www.gingerbreadfromtheheart.com/>.

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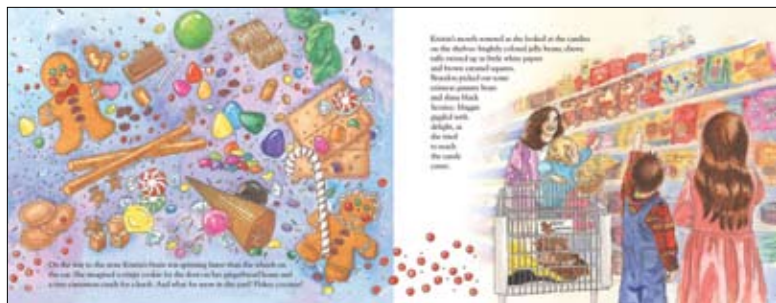
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Praise for *Gingerbread from the Heart*:

"Gingerbread from the Heart will touch children and adults alike, sparking their creativity and inspiring them to bless the lives of others."

—RICHARD PAUL EVANS, #1 NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE CHRISTMAS BOX*



About the Author

Known as "The Gingerbread Lady," Janice K. Mineer was the creative genius behind an eight-foot-tall gingerbread house as a fundraiser for her local Ronald McDonald House. A graduate of Brigham Young University, she has a love of writing and learning. Janice lives with her husband, Randy, in Montana, where in the winter the homes often look like gingerbread houses covered with frosting.



About the Illustrator

A graduate of The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Misty Z. Danyo has a passion for art as well as gingerbread house making. Among her favorite projects is a massive wall mural she painted with her husband and fellow artist at Bomso Christian Academy of Ghana, West Africa. Misty lives with her husband, four children, and two Jack Russell terriers in Missoula, Montana.



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