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Subject: Jolly Fish Press Acquires a Middle-Grade Fantasy Series in a Two-Book Deal

PROVO, UT—Jolly Fish Press (JFP) has acquired the *Monster or Die* middle-grade series in a two-book deal from Cynthia Reeg, an award-winning author. *From the Grave*, the series' first installment is set to release in Fall 2016. The deal was headed by acquisition editor TJ da Roza, who had also previously acquired the award-winning novel, *Consider* (Spring 2016), from Kristy Acevedo.

Monster is as monster does, but Frankenstein Frightface Gordon is totally the wrong shade of ghastly green—pale, baby blue, in fact—and he's more concerned with keeping his pants neat and tidy than scaring the pants off his victims. But when a new law is passed to rid Uggarland of misfits such as Frank, he must decide if he will become the monster his parents can be proud of or be the monster he can be proud of. Trusting the most monsterly monster he knows, Frank looks to the grave and his dead grandmother to make his choice, entering into an adventure that most likely will seal his doom.

Or prove he is truly monster enough.

From the Grave possesses the unique blend of monsters-gone-wrong, laugh-out-loud humor, and a thought-provoking theme, making the story especially applicable in today's schools where students battle real life monsters of race, prejudice, and bullying. The second installment of the series, *Into the Shadowlands*, will be published the following Spring.

Cynthia has degrees in English Literature and Library Science, and has worked with children in both school and public libraries. She is a member of the SCBWI and ALA. Her works have appeared in such publications as *Faces*, *Ladybug*, and *Highlights*. Cynthia is also the recipient of the Missouri SCBWI Mentorship Award for her middle grade fantasy, *The Slightly Tangled Tales of Jim-Bo Baxter*.

Subsidiary and media rights for *From the Grave* are available through the publisher. For information and to request a review copy, please contact Christopher Loke at publicity@jollyfishpress.com.