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### **New Children's Book Combines Engaging Story with Important Life Lessons**

Kensington, Md., and Brattleboro, Vt.— In her imaginative new children's book, *The Littlest Cow*. Melissa Glim uses creative text and inspiring illustrations to talk about the importance of diversity, acceptance, and finding joy by including others. *The Littlest Cow tells the story of Annie, the fox terrier, who desperately wants to march in a small country town's annual cow parade, but finds herself left out. As Annie works to find a place for herself among others, everyone learns lessons about acceptance, diversity, and being a team player.*

A country town celebrates its bovine residents every year with a big parade called the Million Moo March. Annie, a fox terrier, thinks she could fit right in and march in the parade. After all, she kind of looks like a Holstein, speaks their language, and thinks they are just great. So if she wants to join them, why can't she?

It turns out the cows aren't in an inclusive mood. Not only do they not want other animals in their parade, they are even arguing about which cows are allowed to participate. Can Annie help them see past their differences and make friends in time for the big event?

In addition to the basic plot, the story demonstrates the importance of building a more inclusive community, looking for similarities among different groups, embracing differences, making friends, and solving a problem.

Author Melissa Glim, a native of Brattleboro, Vt., initially conceived of the story while watching her hometown's annual parade and festival, The Strolling of the Heifers. Friends and onlookers joked about how her dog, Annie (who was also in attendance), had the same markings as the Holsteins going by, remarking that Annie

ought to be in the parade, too! Her cousin Jennifer Glimcher, a regular visitor to the area, based the illustrations on Annie as well as the Brattleboro's parade.

The Littlest Cow is a 40-page, full-color children's picture book, written by Melissa Glim and illustrated by Jennifer Glimcher. It is printed by CreateSpace, an Amazon company.

The list price is \$10.95 on Amazon.com. Individual copies are available at

*The Littlest Cow* is available for sale online at Amazon.com and other channels.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Melissa Glim is a writer living in Maryland. She spent 12 years joyfully attending to her dog Annie's every whim. Every summer she returns to her hometown, Brattleboro, VT, where there really is a cow parade!

**ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR**

Jennifer Glimcher lives and works in Maryland with her family and cats Bella and Luca, but dreams of building a wild horse sanctuary out West. She began her artistic career in kindergarten.

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