



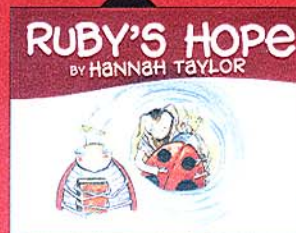
Ruby's Hope is Hannah's Dream

McNally Robinson's Tracy Howard had an opportunity to talk to Hannah Taylor, author of *Ruby's Hope* (Softcover, \$9.95/ Hardcover \$19.95).

My newest favourite author is Winnipeg's Hannah Taylor, founder of The Ladybug Foundation Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to the homeless. Hannah and I met in the store where we wandered the aisles like a pair of shoppers, chatting about books, toys and games.

Wise beyond her age, eleven-year-old Hannah has seen a world of suffering, but she is not immune to the shiny new dragon books and brightly coloured hand puppets on display. She has a vivid imagination, and a kind heart: no graphically violent books for her, her dragons are the friendly type. Hannah still enjoys Junie B Jones stories and fondly remembers her mother reading the Lynley Dodd picture books to her when she was little.

Hannah's picture-book, *Ruby's Hope*, like its author, is genuine and heartfelt. From the bright, cheerful illustrations done by



Don Monkman, to the goal of raising funds for the Ladybug Foundation, *Ruby's Hope* is a sweet and sincere story that encourages us all to do a little more to make the world a better place. *Ruby's Hope* is Hannah's

story and features characters both fictional and those based on real people. When Ruby, a little ladybug, sees a bumblebee begging on the street, she feels the sadness in her heart. Her mother explains to Ruby that "some bugs don't have a place to sleep tonight, a fridge to go to, and no buggy to love them." This small exchange motivates Ruby to make a difference and changes Buggyville forever.

All profits generated by the sale of *Ruby's Hope* go towards The Ladybug Foundation Education Program Inc.

Tory McNally, McNally Robinson's Director of Operations, was the editor for *Ruby's Hope*.