

# Missouri Press Foundation Serial Story Contract



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	Beautiful Music	✓		Kali: A Polar Bear's Tale	✓
	The Best Storyteller	✓		The Lady in White	
	The Big Ditch	✓		Lily's Story	✓
	Black Thunder			The Little Horse Mystery	
	Captain of the Universe			Madeline's Marvelous Week	
	English			Manny Kicks Long Ear Lore	✓
	Spanish (Text Only)			Mr. Eads Bridge	✓
	The Christmas Tree			Night at the Capitol	✓
	Colorful Characters	✓		Ode to Joy	
	Everybody Loves Jack			An Old Secret	
	A Familiar Face	✓		Patriotic Pals	✓
	A Fine Fella	✓		A Place at the Table	
	Freedom's Circus			English	
	A Friend on the Trail			Spanish (text only)	
	Frontier Legend			Pressing West	✓
	The Gas House Gang	✓		The River Speaks	✓
	Good Morning, Mr. President			The Sacrifice	✓
	Grandfather's Wish			Silver and Gold	
	Hannah's Diary			Spin, Sputter & Spout	
	English	✓		Three Generals	✓
	Spanish (text only)			Twist of Fate	✓
	Here They Come	✓		The War That Never Was	
	Hooked on Horses			Window to the Past	✓
	A Hunter's Heart	✓		Young Patriots	
	Jim the Wonder Dog	✓			

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**Beautiful Music:** Living on her family’s farm in 1814 Vermont, the war seems far away to young Violet Howard. As the war draws nearer so does a song that would later be of great importance, penned first as a poem during a nearby naval battle in Baltimore, Maryland. As Violet learns the words of this patriotic song, she doesn’t know that those words will one day become her country’s national anthem. “Beautiful Music” tells the story of how a little tune, written in the midst of battle, became the greatest song in America.

**The Best Storyteller:** Eleven-year-old Emily Todd, daughter of a Mississippi riverboat captain thought adventures happened only on the river. But adventure and excitement found Emily on dry land as a pair of bumbling bank robbers stumble their way into her life. Emily’s escapades, high on the river bluffs, provide some humorous literary material for Sam, the boy Emily thinks is “The Best Storyteller.”

**The Big Ditch:** Commemorate President Roosevelt’s historic November 1906 international visit with The Big Ditch, Missouri Press Foundation’s first serial story available in full color! In 1906, Douglas Taylor leaves his home in the United States to spend a year in Panama. He watches the construction of the Panama Canal, but more importantly, he learns how his father and other doctors fight bravely to save the lives of the men who built “The Big Ditch.”

**Black Thunder:** When his big brother becomes one of the famous Tuskegee Airmen, Joey Cooper gets a front row seat to an important episode in American history. He watches as some of the first black men in America are allowed to serve their country as fighter pilots. Joey also learns about one of America’s greatest scientists, George Washington Carver.

**Captain of the Universe:** The story of the boyhood of astronomer Edwin Hubble. A country boy who was introduced to the moon and stars by his grandfather, Hubble became an astronomer because he followed his heart. One of the most important astronomers in history, he “discovered” the Big Bang theory of creation. The Hubble Space Telescope is named for him.

**The Christmas Tree:** Life on a Mississippi cotton farm is always hard. But it gets worse when the Great Depression turns the land to dust. Mary Jo Drake must decide between saving her tree or doing what’s best for her family. But things change when a stranger, using a bit of magic, gives Mary Jo a chance to save “The Christmas Tree.”

**Colorful Characters:** “Colorful Characters” tells the story of George Caleb Bingham growing up along the Missouri River. This young boy’s fascination with the colorful characters who were going West in the 1820s became his subjects on canvas. Years later, as a great American artist, he painted men and women of important stature, but he is best loved for painting many unnamed and colorful characters in and along this mighty river.

**Everybody Loves Jack:** Adam Holmes never had a pet until he found a wounded stray dog. But from the moment the dog comes to Adam’s house, unusual things begin to happen. As he helps care for the wounded animal, Adam learns about life in the north woods of Minnesota in 1900. He learns there are more than trees in the forest. He also learns that “Everybody Loves Jack.”

**A Familiar Face:** A homework assignment leads Scotty Brown to discover “A Familiar Face” in the pages of history and to learn about the role a boy from Missouri had as an adult in international decisions of humanitarian aid, war and racial equality.

**A Fine Fella:** “A Fine Fella” tells how, in his rugged youth, America’s most beloved president was molded to guide his country in the dark days of the Civil War.

**Freedom’s Circus:** School is out at last and Sarah Callaway has returned to Lighthouse Island for the summer. She is happy to be back home to help her father take care of the lighthouse. But, on her first day home, a mystery develops when Sarah discovers a monkey perched up on the lighthouse galley and a strange boat is found hidden in the cove.

**A Friend on the Trail:** This is a story of disaster after disaster striking a wagon train headed for the Oregon Territory. Twelve-year-old Martha O’Connor finds herself right in the middle of Indian trouble, sickness and a hard life on the trail. Given the responsibility of her sick mother, a small baby and camp life, Martha’s hardship is eased by an unlikely “Friend on the Trail.”

**Frontier Legend:** When a very unusual dog shows up on the Herman farmstead in Tennessee, 10-year-old John Robert has a new friend. But, a year later, in the spring of 1811, a second visitor to the farm reveals a story of historic proportions. John Robert learns that his new dog is one of the most famous characters in American history.

**The Gashouse Gang:** There are baseball heroes – and then there are legends. Dizzy Dean stands among the legendary players who have truly left their mark on America’s game. History remembers Dizzy not only for his prowess on the pitcher’s mound, but also for his character off of it. “The Gashouse Gang” takes readers back in time to a simpler era in Major League Baseball.

**Good Morning, Mr. President:** In this story, Peggy Ann discovers a BIG surprise when her father takes a job in South Dakota. Every morning when she awakens, Peggy can see the face of George Washington carved on the side of a mountain. Spend a summer with Peggy, Old Mrs. Potter, the Keystone Boys and each day say, “Good morning, Mr. President.”

**Grandfather’s Wish:** Miguel Sanchez is determined to keep his “Grandfather’s Wish” by building a flock of sheep. This story tells how a Spanish sheep man lived, worked and played in early-day California. Learn about the loyalty of herd dogs, the perils of the shepherd and his flock, and a young boy’s dream of becoming a rancher.

**Hannah’s Diary:** The story of Hannah, a little girl on the American frontier, who makes history by sending one of the first letters on the Pony Express. Hannah learns that you can keep old friends while making new ones. She also discovers fun on the riverboats and how, by working hard, anyone can make a dream come true.

**Here They Come:** Follow Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark on their historic 1804-1806 journey through the Louisiana Territory through the eyes of children. “Here They Come!” tells the personal stories of children the explorers might have encountered in villages, high on council bluffs, along the banks of the Missouri River and inside tipis and lodges.

**Hooked on Horses:** Suzanne wants to become a champion rider. In her story, set in 1934, she learns about freedom from her riding instructor. Tom Bass, a world-famous horseman in Mexico, Missouri, was a black man born in slavery. After the Civil War, he gained a reputation for horsemanship, providing horses for at least four United States presidents.

**A Hunter’s Heart:** Twelve-year-old Sam Pittman wanted a dog to help with the chores on the farm and to be his friend and companion. Sam had his heart set on having a dog like Old Drum - a dog with “A Hunter’s Heart.” This story is about a boy who wanted a dog and the tragedy which struck Missouri’s most famous dog.

**Jim the Wonder Dog:** Have you ever felt like your dog understands you? Sam Van Arsdale did. In fact, Sam’s dog understood English, French and even Morse Code! This is the story of a Llewellyn Setter living in the 1930s who amazed everyone with his ability to follow any command, hunt like a champion, and even predict the future.

**Kali: A Polar Bear’s Tale:** Kali, a polar bear cub, made news across the country when he was just a few months old. Rescued after hunters shot his mother, Kali quickly became famous. Polar bears are known to regularly travel long distances but Kali may take the record. He was born near Alaska’s northwest coast, rode on an ATV to the town of Point Lay, and had three plane trips; to Anchorage, Alaska, Buffalo, New York and Memphis, Tennessee. The last leg of his trip to St. Louis, Missouri was in a customized truck, sized and cooled to polar bear standards.

**The Lady in White:** The arrival of a lady in a small Kentucky coal town in 1920 sends gossip through the community. Is the stranger a new schoolteacher or has she come to marry the town doctor? In the end, two girls learn a valuable lesson when the mystery of the “lady in white” is solved.

**Lily’s Story:** Readers of all ages will enjoy this true story of a Weimaraner named Lily. Lily survives a mysterious illness with the help of veterinarians and her owner, Tara, by her side. Lily’s recovery is a miracle, but her challenges are far from over. A month later, Joplin is hit by a massive tornado! The search and rescue dog’s bravery and resilience are put to the test as she is called upon to help put her city back together, piece by piece.



**The Little Horse Mystery:** Nathan Curtis is mystified by the toy horse found on his back porch. He soon learns that his home in Illinois is a station on the Underground Railroad, a route black slaves used to find freedom in Canada. “The Little Horse Mystery” brings together two boys from different cultures in a moment that changes both lives.

**Madeline’s Marvelous Week:** Madeline Fischer spends a week at the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis. Each day she finds new adventures and wonderful new inventions and discoveries. While Papa works at the fair, Madeline and her mother ride the massive Observation Wheel, learn about hot air balloons, see the world’s largest floral clock and even meet an Olympic champion.

**Manny Kicks Long Ear Lore:** Life’s no field of clover for Manny. Over the years, his kind has gotten stuck with a bad reputation. They’re believed to be lazy, ugly and dumb. Manny has had it up to his long ears with this pile of mule hooey – and in a new eight-week serial story, he’s going to set the record straight.

**Mr. Eads Bridge:** Mr. Eads Bridge combines STEM and history for an engaging time travel tale. An ordinary field trip to the Gateway Arch turns extraordinary when Becky is transported to the 1870s. The creature that sent her into the past wants one thing, for her to learn.

**Night at the Capitol:** Eleven-year-old Charlie just moved to Missouri from California. Bored on his field trip to the Missouri State Capitol, Charlie wanders off and, when night falls, finds himself involved in a wild mystery to find an important piece of Missouri history. Charlie learns history and what it takes to be brave during his quest.

**Ode to Joy:** Alice Palmer and her family start a new life when they move to Arizona in 1935 to operate a trading post in Navajo country. Alice soon makes friends with Susan, a Navajo girl. With the help and encouragement of their families, the two girls come to understand and appreciate each other’s cultures.

**An Old Secret:** While picking watermelons on his father’s Oklahoma farm, Joe Porter finds a piece of the past buried in the watermelon patch. As he digs into the history of his father’s farm, Joe learns an old secret held by two families. After the old secret is told, Joe becomes part of a new secret that carries a noble tradition.

**Patriotic Pals:** This nine-chapter series highlights pups with a purpose — dog mascots from the Civil War. Each chapter features a canine that participated in, or witnessed, a fray or major battle, from St. Louis to Pennsylvania, concluding in Illinois with Fido, the beloved mutt Lincoln left behind when he was called to Washington D.C. to serve as president.

**A Place at the Table:** The story of Libby, a little girl on an orphan train in 1928 in search of a family. Readers learn about tolerance of people who are different

**Pressing West:** “Pressing West: A Page in History,” is the story of the first newspaper in Missouri, the Missouri Gazette, founded in 1808 by Joseph Charless. This eight-chapter serialized story is now available. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Missouri’s first newspaper by publishing “Pressing West” in your newspaper!

**The River Speaks:** Toby LePage, an eleven-year-old frontier boy, has a dream come true when he is given a ride on the Arabia, a steamboat headed up the Missouri River. Toby was sure he was on an adventure that he would remember for the rest his life. However, the adventure he had was not the kind he expected as he and his father, along with all the passengers and crew on the Arabia, face a great tragedy on the Mighty Missouri.

**The Sacrifice:** Larry and the other boys in his neighborhood didn’t have many baseballs to play with. Because his dad was away fighting in the war, Larry and his mother did not have enough money to buy baseballs. So, when the last ball is gone, Larry has to make a big decision. He has a baseball that Uncle Chuck caught it at a Cleveland Indians baseball game. Should he give up his Big League prize for the neighborhood team?

**Silver and Gold:** Life at an Army post on the American frontier in 1868 is filled with adventure for Molly Hankins and Lulu, her cat. Daughter of a U.S. Cavalry officer, Molly watches as the Transcontinental Railroad binds the country together.

**Spin, Sputter & Spout:** This story tells how a frontier family survived the massive 1811 New Madrid Earthquake. Young Jacob’s family loses everything in the quake and accompanying flood. This story describes the devastation that occurred along the Mississippi River. It also shows the value of friendship and how the family refuses to give up their home.

**Three Generals:** “Three Generals,” introduces young readers to three men – John J. Pershing, Maxwell D. Taylor and Omar N. Bradley – who had significant roles in two world wars. Inspired by these three famous American generals, the characters learn that no matter where they live, boys and girls can achieve great success through hard work and a belief in their own dreams.

**Twist of Fate:** A tractor-trailer carrying horses to a slaughterhouse crashes on a highway. Rescuers save many of them, including a pregnant mare. When her “miracle colt” is born, he draws national media attention. Young readers will be able to meet “Twist of Fate” when “Twister” tells his tale and introduces folks to friends he’s made at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. This is a story “straight from the horse’s mouth.

**The War That Never Was:** Ethan lives near the Iowa border in 1839. At that time a “honey war” breaks out between Missouri and the Iowa Territory (Iowa was not yet a state) over a small piece of land both claimed as their own. State militia from both sides were called out to fight over the land with “liquid gold.”

**Window to the Past:** A young girl named Jenny finds a “Window to the Past” when she discovers a diary in an old attic trunk. The stories reveal that one of her ancestors was a friend of Girl Scout founder Juliette Low more than 100 years ago. “Window to the Past” will inspire young readers to seek out the interesting stories that can be found in their own family histories.

**Young Patriots:** Ben Collins and his two friends are America’s first “Young Patriots.” Self-appointed spy catchers, they help America fight for independence. At his grandfather’s livery stable in Philadelphia in 1776, Ben meets delegates to the Continental Convention. From them, he learns the value of education and is button-busting proud when John Adams calls Ben and his friends “Young Patriots.”