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**A Tale Passed Down:
*The Ride of Molly Tynes***

Written by Mary Alice Barksdale and Donna Jessie Fogelsong

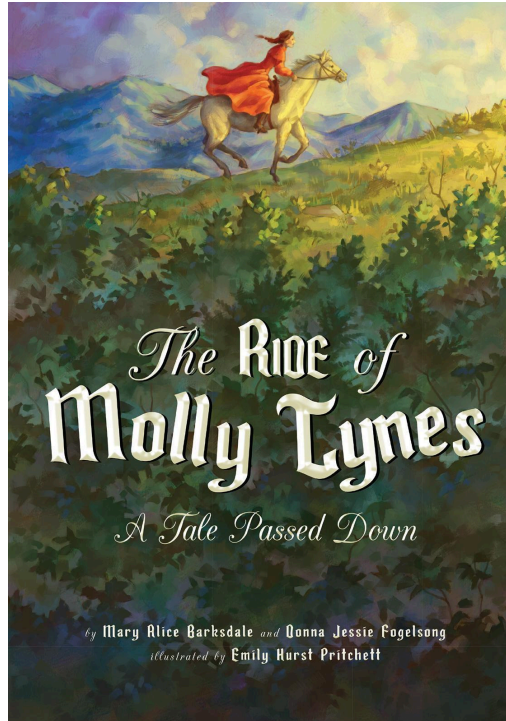
Illustrated by Emily Hurst Pritchett

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"I wish my grandma could have had stories like this to tell me when I was a child—the story of one young woman's selflessness, daring, and bravery. Molly Tynes is an inspiration not only for young girls but for us all."
— Ted Lewin, author and illustrator

[Belle Isle Books](#) of Richmond, Virginia is proud to announce the upcoming release of an exciting legend, [The Ride of Molly Tynes: A Tale Passed Down](#), written by Mary Alice Barksdale and Donna Jessie Fogelsong, with illustrations by Emily Hurst Pritchett. *The Ride of Molly Tynes: A Tale Passed Down* is scheduled for release on April 24, 2019.

When Molly Tynes learns of an impending attack on a neighboring town, she mounts her horse without hesitation, risking life and limb to warn and protect her community. Four mountains, rough trails, and wild animals stand between Molly and her journey's end. Through this legendary tale of a young woman, the storytelling tradition of Southwest Virginia lives on.



About the Authors: [Mary Alice Barksdale](#) is an Associate Professor in Elementary Education at Virginia Tech. A Virginia native, Mary Alice would listen to her grandmother tell Molly's story often. Mary Alice has received two Fulbright Scholar awards, the first in Russia and the second in South Africa. She also worked extensively in Malawi. Mary Alice's interests include children's literature, literacy education, teacher education, global education, and social justice.

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About the Illustrator: [Emily Hurst Pritchett](#) grew up in the hills of western New York. She spent many summers visiting her grandmother's house in Virginia, where she loved to sit on the porch and watch the fireflies. She studied illustration at Brigham Young University before moving back to the East Coast. She loves to read books for kids and grown-ups, sing, dance, and play video games. She currently lives in Boston with her husband and son.

Interviews available upon request.

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