

**DATE: July 2017**

**NEWS** (Release Immediately)

**CONTACT:**   **Publicist at 804.644.3090; FAX 804.644.3092. Email** [**brandylanepr@gmail.com**](mailto:brandylanepr@gmail.com) **or** [**brandylanerhpruett@gmail.com**](mailto:brandylanerhpruett@gmail.com)

**Delight in Dog Ballads in this Mixed Media Memoir**

Belle Isle Books, an imprint of Brandylane Publishers, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia, is pleased to announce the release of *Seven Songs for Seven Dogs,* a quirky homage to six Long-Haired Dachshunds and one Standard Poodle. Written by L. Meredith Averitt and illustrated by Maegan Penley, this new charming ode heralds the special bond between canines and their humans through limericks, anecdotes, and songs.

Part nonfiction and part songbook, *Seven Songs for Seven Dogs* is dedicated to Averitt’s seven dogs that she raises, trains, and enters into agility and field competitions. Averitt’s work includes seven anecdotes and seven songs that capture each of the pups’ personalities, as well as an account of the daily trials and tribulations of managing show dogs. Her tender words describe a Dachshund’s experience as a new mother, a goofy Halloween costume contestant, a thrilling rabbit-tracking challenger, and more. Delight in the wriggling antics of a Dachshund family—and their poodle big brother—set to melodies like “Good King Wenceslas” and “Edelweiss.”

L. Meredith Averitt was born and raised in the Washington, D.C., area. She completed veterinary school at the University of Tennessee in 1981, and ultimately settled at a veterinary practice in Williamsburg, VA. A true dog lover, she continues to breed and train Longhaired Dachshunds.

Maegan Penley lives in Georgia with her husband and two dogs. She specializes in illustrating children’s books, and has illustrated *Bunny’s Busy Day* and *Incredible Cam Man* for Brandylane Publishers, Inc.

Brandylane Publishers, Inc. is an independent press located in Richmond, Virginia, that has published books since 1985.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Seven Songs for Seven Dogs* (hardcover, 8.5 x 11”, 40 pages, $19.95 retail) will be available this summer from the publisher at belleislebooks.com, from amazon.com, bn.com, and from fine booksellers.

**Requests for review copies should be made to the publisher. Please contact the publisher to arrange an interview with the author.**