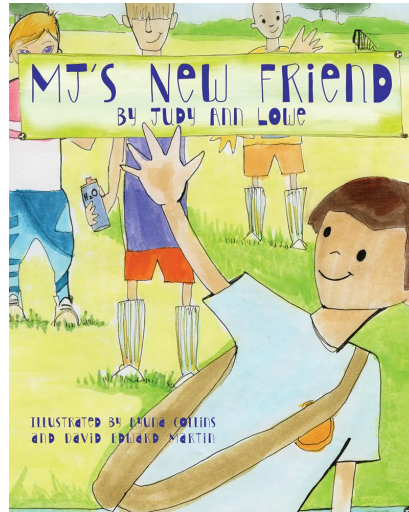


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## **MJ's New Friend — 2015 NORTH TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL – AWARD FINALIST**



Boulder, CO April 4, 2015 – *MJ's New Friend*, the second book from Dallas author, Judy Lowe, is a finalist in the 2014 North Texas Book Festival, for children ages 6-12. This story of acceptance, friendship, and finding the courage to do the right thing is recognized for its quality, colorful illustrations, and message of understanding the power of diversity. Mrs. Lowe's first book, *The Little White Light*, received Honorable Mention in the Book Festival for children ages 1-6.

The North Texas Book Festival is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, with awards featured since 2007. Its mission is to support both school and public libraries and literacy programs in the North Texas area. Since its beginning, more than \$45,000 in grants has been awarded to deserving programs. Schools and public libraries or literacy programs for children or adults may apply for grants of up to \$1,000. This award recognizes excellence in books published by their authors or by small, independent publishing companies.



Judy Lowe is a retired part-time teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and a Certificate in Gifted and Talented Education. Her first book, *The Little White Light*, was released in 2013. *MJ's New Friend* was released in 2014.

*MJ's New Friend* is available online from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com).

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