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## Picture Book, *Dee and Deb Off They Go, Kindergarten First Day Jitters* Earns Story Monster Approval

CHANDLER, AZ (March, 2016) – The judges of the Story Monster Approved program, which recognizes accomplished authors in the field of children's literature have spoken, and *Dee and Deb Off They Go, Kindergarten First Day Jitters* by Donna M. McDine has earned approval.



Title: Dee and Deb Off They Go, Kindergarten First Day Jitters
Author: Donna M. McDine
Illustrator: Jack Foster
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing, Inc.
Softcover ISBN: 9781616336998
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About Dee and Deb Off They Go, Kindergarten First Day Jitters:
The anxiety of finding one's own place and friends in kindergarten

without the comfort of having her fraternal twin sister nearby at first overwhelms Dee. Until she realizes even without her twin, Dee and her classmates for the most part are in the same boat. Suggested age range for readers: 3-8

**About the Author:** Donna McDine is a multiple award-winning children's author. She writes and moms from her home in the historical hamlet Tappan, NY. McDine is a member of the SCBWI and Family Reading Partnership. Learn more about McDine's writing career at www.donnamcdine.com and www.donna-mcdine.blogspot.com.

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