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New children's book about a squirrel explores loss and hope

The Adventures of Lady: The Big Storm, a new children's book by Iris Pearson and Mike Merrill, is a colorful story of a stranded young squirrel yearning for home. It explores children's fears of being left alone and inspires understanding that even in the darkest of times something wonderful is often just around the bend.

Married couple Pearson and Merrill live in Orlando and have written a book for children that is soothing and educational. A scared and lost little squirrel named Lady pops up in a strange backyard. A kind human and a wildlife center come to her rescue. She is cared for and soon grows strong enough to return to her family.

The book is written in conversational prose and appropriate for beginning readers. It is colorfully illustrated by Project Firefly, a company

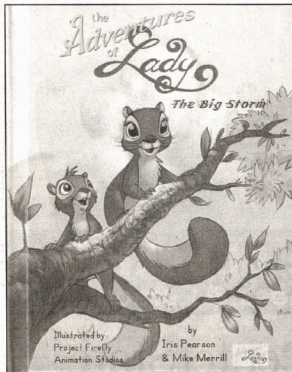
created by former Disney animators.

The book comes from the authors' own experiences. When they found a tired, hungry squirrel in their yard the day after a hurricane, they raised her with the help of the local wildlife center. Eventually they were able to release the squirrel in their yard and she is still a frequent visitor.

Born in Mobile, Ala., Pearson is a production accountant for film and television. She works with Project Firefly Animation Studios.

Co-writer Merrill is an accountant with a master's degree in business administration.

To purchase a copy of the book, go to www.theadventuresoflady.com, Amazon.com, Borders.com or a retail outlet. For more information, contact the author at im@theadventuresoflady.com.



Two local residents, Iris Pearson and Mike Merrill, wrote this colorfully illustrated new children's book. It tells the story of a lost and scared young squirrel that is reunited with her family.