

**NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK TO BENEFIT ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**  
The Mighty Oak and Me Sales Will Support Foundation Reforestation Program

Nebraska City, Neb. (September 9, 2009) - The Arbor Day Foundation and author K. S. Brooks have teamed up to help replant America's National Forests. For each purchase of Brooks' The Mighty Oak and Me this holiday season, a donation will be made to the Arbor Day Foundation to support the planting of a tree in our nation's forests. The trees are planted in conjunction with the U. S. Forest Service, which selects the sites and oversees the actual planting.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate the life of the Mighty Oak than to help the Arbor Day Foundation plant trees on its behalf," K. S. Brooks said. "It's especially fitting since the oak tree is America's National Tree."

The Mighty Oak and Me is a unique and innovative book which introduces children to ecology and the real-life world of trees through full-color photographs. "The Mighty Oak and Me captures the beauty of a tree and its role while presenting questions that will inspire children to further explore the natural world," said Kristina Henry, author of Sam: The Tale of a Chesapeake Bay Rockfish.

Record wildfire seasons in recent years have destroyed millions of trees in forests around the country. Many areas have burned so severely that replanting efforts like the Arbor Day Foundation's programs are necessary to jumpstart reforestation. "We appreciate the support from Ms. Brooks to help restore our nation's forests through this tree-planting program," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees help protect waterways and soil, restore habitat for wildlife, and help preserve the Earth's vital forests for generations to come."

The Mighty Oak and Me is currently available through Amazon.com and through [www.theMightyOakandMe.com](http://www.theMightyOakandMe.com).

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**About Author K. S. Brooks**

K. S. Brooks is an award-winning action-adventure novelist, poet and photographer. Her writing and photography have come together in her latest books teaching children about nature through exploration. Visit [www.theMightyOakandMe.com](http://www.theMightyOakandMe.com) for more information.

**About The Arbor Day Foundation**

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).