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**BARNEY MEETS BEEBEE**  
**THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BARNEY TALES COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN**

Eureka, CA (5-1-17)...Author Noni Morton has just launched **Barney Meets BeeBee**, the first book in a 10 book series written for children aged four to eight.

Noni began telling stories to her grandchildren several years ago. She chose her cats to be the main characters in the stories and introduced the supporting cast from real wild animals that live on her remote Northern California property. They include turtles, a bear, and a wood rat. After telling the stories over and over, she was encouraged to write them down by one of her grandsons who said, "My Mom always gets the story wrong!"

**Barney Meets BeeBee** is written in classic storytelling style that captures the hearts and minds of the listeners while encouraging their imagination. Noni believes that classic storytelling is becoming a lost art. "Children love to be told stories and discovering memorable characters that they can relate to. I want to encourage parents to spend "real time" reading to their kids, not just as a bedtime exercise, but a true, intimate adventure that they will enjoy and remember for years to come." Many studies point to the importance of reading to young children for enhancing learning and language skills and promoting positive personal and social development.\*

**Barney meets BeeBee** is about Barney, a tiny black kitty that has lived in an animal shelter since birth. Finally adopted with his best kitty friend Elmer, he is given a new home. One fateful night everything changes. Elmer runs away and Barney is left alone and frightened.

Facing his fears, Barney finds his inner strength to move on and continue his search for Elmer. He meets a new friend, embarks on a grand adventure and discovers an old race car that he restores to a bright and shiny new condition.

A story about life and its challenges, **Barney Meets BeeBee** features a cast of unforgettable characters that teach children about friendship, loss, finding strength from within and starting over. It is also about adapting to new situations while remembering past events.

**Barney Tales** are richly layered, bedtime stories that are full of adventure, mystery and fun with lovable characters that display emotional depth and compassion. **Barney Meets BeeBee** is

illustrated by renowned author/illustrator Stewart Moskowitz. (*Too Loose, the Chocolate Moose*/Simon&Schuster.)

Please visit [www.barneytales.com](http://www.barneytales.com) for more information about the collection and check out photos taken on Noni's property of the real animals that are featured in the book. Facebook: Barney Tales. ***Barney Meets BeeBee*** is available at Amazon.com and local book stores.

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***Barney Meets Beebee***

*by Noni Morton*

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**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Noni is from a small town in upstate New York near Buffalo. She has spent thirty five years working in real estate investments, pre-hospital medicine and paralegal work. However, it has been only in the last five years that she found her true passion creating a complete world of fantasy writing children's books.

Noni has always loved storytelling and reading to children and seniors. She discovered she had a natural talent for storytelling in college when she volunteered at a nursing home and read and told stories to senior residents. Her grandchildren encouraged her to write down the stories she created for them inspired by the environment, wild animals and her own pets that live on her property in Northern California. ***Barney Meets BeeBee*** is becoming a favorite for residents of Humboldt County where she has sold more than 700 books.

She is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Noni currently resides in Humboldt County, California where she spends lots of time with her grandchildren and continues to work on the Barney Tales Collection.

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