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If the Fence Could Talk, new book release from Oklahoma Heritage Association Publishing

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma Heritage Association Publishing, the publishing arm of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, is releasing its newest book, *If the Fence Could Talk*. Written by Brad Robison and illustrated by Margaret Hoge, this book tells the story of the fence that was erected to protect and became a place of remembrance for Oklahoma. published

On April 19, 1995, Oklahoma City was changed forever when the unforgivable act of one individual took the lives of 168 men, women, and children and injured hundreds more. Following the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, a fence was stretched around two city blocks to protect the site during the rescue and recovery efforts.

“In the beginning, the fence was the barrier that protected those working so diligently,” said survivor Dot Hill. “Next, it became a place of mourning and remembrance—a place I left a piece of myself. Today it is part of our history and a place to remind us to never forget.”

If the Fence Could Talk shares what the fence became in the days, months and years that followed for the rescue workers, family members, friends and strangers who gathered at the site. From teddy bears and t-shirts to notes and flowers, for more than 20 years the fence has been a place where people come to remember. With a section remaining permanently, the fence remains a place of worship, solace, hope, and tears.

A volunteer for the Oklahoma City National Memorial since 1997, author Robison began working to the OKC National Memorial as an archivist. In 2000, Robison developed a library/information center dedicated to preparedness and prevention of terrorism for the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism. Later known as the Lawson Terrorism Information Center, the print and electronic resources gained international acclaim for its quality and quantity of lessons learned.

Margaret Reynolds Hoge was born and raised in Oklahoma City. Margaret is known for her realistic renderings of wildlife and landscapes. Her oil pastels can be found in residences and businesses throughout Oklahoma City.

If the Fence Could Talk retails for \$19.95. This title, along with all of the organization’s publications, are available for purchase in the Gaylord-Pickens Museum Store at NW 13th Street and Shartel Avenue in Oklahoma City, by calling the Museum Store at 405.235.4458, at OklahomaHoF.com, amazon.com and in bookstores statewide. All funds from the sale of the organization’s books benefit the mission and programs of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Museum.

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame preserves Oklahoma’s unique history and inspires pride in the state. Through each of its programs and the Gaylord-Pickens Museum and the organization strive to tell Oklahoma’s story through its people. For more information about the Oklahoma Hall of Fame or Gaylord-Pickens Museum, visit OklahomaHoF.com or call 405.235.4458.

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