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A SUPERNATURAL RUBBER CHICKEN DEBUTS IN NEW CHAPTER BOOK SERIES FROM MIRRORSTONE®

(Renton, Wash.) – The rubber chicken is a popular sight gag and comedy prop that's been tickling the funny bones of children and adults since the 1800s. Experience its enduring comic appeal again in "Supernatural Rubber Chicken™," a sublimely silly new fantasy series from Mirrorstone for kids ages 6 to 10. In *Fowl Language* and *Fine Feathered Four Eyes*, acclaimed author and humorist D.L. Garfinkle and award-winning illustrator Ethan Long introduce us to 10-year-old twins Nate and Lisa Zupinski, who have inherited Ed, the world's first superpower-granting rubber chicken.

Ed cracks jokes, makes rude remarks, and grants wishes. Nate and Lisa soon discover that drawing upon his supernatural powers achieves unpredictable and unintentionally hilarious results. Perfect for reluctant readers, especially boys, each "Supernatural Rubber Chicken" adventure follows the twins as they attempt to help others with, and despite, Ed's intervention.

"The 'Supernatural Rubber Chicken' series fits into our mission of publishing books that engage the reluctant reader. We wanted to add a humorous series to our list, and I just couldn't resist the title," says Mirrorstone Senior Editor Nina Hess. "At Mirrorstone, we define fantasy as any story with a magical element, so our books aren't always about wizards and dragons. The 'Rubber Chicken' books are realistic fantasy with irreverent humor and a magical twist."

Soon kids will be able to get more involved in the exploits of Nate and Lisa and their fine-feathered, rubber friend by playing interactive games at www.supernaturalrubberchicken.com. Teaching and discussion guides and sample chapters are also available for parents, teachers, and librarians.

D.L. Garfinkle is the author of *Storky: How I Lost My Nickname and Won the Girl*, *Stuck in the 70s*, and *The Band*. Her books have received multiple starred reviews and have been named to many "best of" lists. Ethan Long is the author and illustrator of *Tickle the Duck* as well as the illustrator of numerous picture and chapter books.

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