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Lindsey Lane is the author of the award-winning picture book (Clarion) and iTunes app (PicPocket) SNUGGLE MOUNTAIN, which was named Best Children's Book of 2004 by Bank Street College of Education. Her debut young adult novel EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN (Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers) will be released in September 2014. Lindsey lives in Austin, Texas with her family. (60 words)

Medium:

Award-winning author Lindsey Lane is proud to announce her debut YA novel EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN will be published by Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers on September 16, 2014. Her picture book SNUGGLE MOUNTAIN (Clarion, 2003) is now available as an iTunes app, which Digital Storytime describes as "heartwarming and adorable with rich illustrations and lyrical text." In 2010, Lindsey received her MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Lindsey is a featured presenter at many schools where she gets kids (of all ages) excited about writing. When she is not writing, reading or being a mom, Lindsey loves sweating at Bikram yoga, seeing movies and plays, and enjoying some of the outrageously good food at Austin restaurants with friends. (130 words)

Large:

To say that Lindsey Lane loved reading when she was small would be an understatement. Her closet held more books and comics than clothes and always featured a pillowy place to sit. The words in books equaled worlds beyond her front door in Westfield, Massachusetts. The world she entered over and over again was Anna Sewell's **Black Beauty** because it told the truth about love and cruelty—two impossible roommates in the human heart. This book, more than any other, inspired her to be a writer.

After she graduated from Hampshire College with a BA in Theatre Arts-Playwriting, Lindsey moved to Austin and started writing plays like the award winning **Miracle of Washing Dishes**. Later, her inquiry into words and worlds led her to journalism where she interviewed death row inmates, cops and wayward millionaires for the Austin Chronicle and the Austin American Statesman. When she wasn't writing, she trained as a boxer and promoted the first all women's boxing event to raise money for Austin Rape Crisis Center.

In 2003, she shifted her attention to children's literature when Clarion published SNUGGLE MOUNTAIN, which was named Best Children's Book of 2004 by Bank Street College of Education and winner of the Children's Crown Gallery Award. In 2011, PicPocket Books published SNUGGLE MOUNTAIN as an app so that this beloved children's book could continue to delight children of the digital age.

Lindsey received an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts in 2010. At VCFA, she stretched into middle grade and young adult writing and began the novel EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN, which will be published by Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers in September 2014.

To this day, **Black Beauty** is one of Lindsey's favorite books and still informs her writing because, no matter what world she is building, she believes it is the heart of the character—that quixotic and diabolical heart—which draws the reader in and makes us laugh, cry, gasp and not put the book down. Speaking of hearts, Lindsey could not have written a word without the love and support of her daughter and their community of friends and family, near and far. (370 words)