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Princess Märtha Louise of Norway to Visit Carmel Mountain Ranch Library to Promote New Children's Book

SAN DIEGO –Princess Märtha Louise of Norway will visit the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library on Monday, April 3 to read and sign her recent children's book. Throughout her life as a royal, Princess Märtha Louise has heard numerous disappointed children asking their parents how she could possibly be a princess if she isn't wearing a crown. To set things straight, she has written a book about it. "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns," a Norwegian best-seller written in classic fairy tale style, is now available in English.

The visit to the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library is part of a month-long U.S. book tour in April with book readings and signings in 20 cities in eight states.

As she did on her first tour, she will undoubtedly win the hearts of audiences across the country with tales of her royal childhood and her animated telling of the book, which is based on the childhood of her grandfather, the late King Olav V. Little Prince Olav tries to do everything other Norwegian children do – with a crown on his head. As you can imagine, crowns don't hold up well while sledding, making snowmen, and ski-jumping. In the end, his crown is put away for safe-keeping, and the little prince learns the important lesson that it isn't the decorative crown on your head that matter most, but rather the one you wear in your heart.

Princess Märtha Louise, 34, is the only daughter of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. She is a respected storyteller, and has done readings for children throughout Norway. She has also hosted television shows reading fairy tales for children. The princess studied English literature at Oxford, and obtained certification as a physical therapist. She advocates for disabled children and manages her own business as a cultural mediator. She released a CD in 2002 with the highly respected Oslo Gospel Choir. As an avid horse lover, she has participated in equestrian events throughout Europe and has produced a television series about horses. She lives with her husband Ari Behn, and their daughters Maud Angelica and Leah Isadora.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Friends of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Library book store. The princess will be available to sign purchased copies immediately following the book reading. This event will take place on Monday, April 3, at 4 p.m., in the meeting room of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library, located at 12095 World Trade Drive. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (858) 538-8181.

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