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### MEDIA RELEASE

**Please, please, pleeeeeeease can I have a horse???**

**Sound familiar? Relief can now be found in your local bookshop -**

# ***Totally Horse Mad*** **Kathy Helidoniotis**

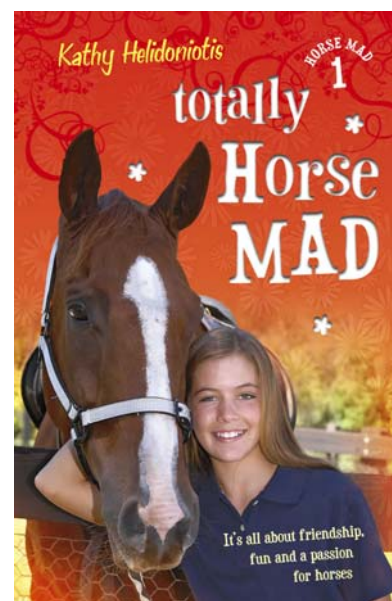
There is just something about girls and horses – always has been, probably always will be. HarperCollins is thrilled to announce this new series, **Horse Mad**, which is a celebration of friends, fun and horses. This series is destined to become a collectable, so no horse mad girl is going to want to miss a single book! A new book will be out every three months, so this should keep even the most voracious readers happy.

***Totally Horse Mad*** is the first book in the series, removing Ashleigh from her comfortable city life and placing her in the small country town of Shady Creek. Saying goodbye to a best friend, a home and a way of life, Ashleigh suddenly finds herself starting afresh, and in a place where horses and adventure are hand in hand.

Kathy Helidoniotis grew up in Sydney living for the holidays, which she spent on the New South Wales South Coast studying the three essential 'R's': reading, writing and riding (horses of course!). Her first book was published in 2001 and was followed by another seven books for children. Kathy is currently writing the Horse Mad series of books and has many more in the pipeline.

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