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Jewish Publication Society book named winner of 2007 Skipping Stones Honor Awards

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (May 17, 2007) The Jewish Publication Society is proud to announce that *David and Max* (JPS, 2006) was named a winner of the 2007 Skipping Stones Honor Awards in the category of Multicultural & International Awareness. The 14th Annual Skipping Stones Honor Award recognizes books that promote cooperation, nonviolence, respect for differing viewpoints, and close relationships in human societies. The honor is bestowed by *Skipping Stones Magazine*, a non-profit magazine for young adults.

First published by the Jewish Publication Society in 1988, *David and Max* became an instant classic. The book was updated in 2006 to appeal to contemporary readers. Central to the story is the love between a young Jewish boy and his grandfather as they try and solve a mystery. The book also deals sensitively with Max's suffering in the Holocaust.

Booklist, in a starred review, said of *David and Max* "An intriguing hunt kept upbeat by the two detectives' humorous and lively conversations... Radiating through this fast-paced mystery and softening its sharp-edged realities is the warm relationship between David and Max, whose mutual affection reads with refreshing naturalness..."

Authors Gail Provost Stockwell and her late husband, Gary Provost, are the authors of three other award-winning novels for children including *Good If It Goes*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award. They created and have taught at nationwide writing seminars and founded the Writers Retreat Workshop.

The Jewish Publication Society is a nonprofit educational organization formed to enhance the Jewish culture by promoting the dissemination of religious and secular works, in the United States and abroad, to all individuals and institutions interested in past and contemporary Jewish life. Founded in 1888, JPS is the oldest publisher of Jewish titles in the English language. Recent JPS releases for young adults include *Lilith's Ark: Teenage Tales of Biblical Women* (Winner of the 2006 National Jewish Book Award) and *A Shout in the Sunshine*.

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