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## PHOTOS AVAILABLE: Cal Ripken Jr. Endorses Rally Caps

*A young, hearing-impaired boy's "Nothing Is Impossible" attitude coupled with inspiration drawn from Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. teaches "valuable lessons."*

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla./EWorldWire/Feb. 27, 2008 --- Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. endorsed RALLY CAPS by saying, "RALLY CAPS is a heartwarming book about perseverance and courage. Congratulations to Steve and Jodi for taking the challenges in their lives and turning it into a wonderful book that helps teach valuable lessons of acceptance and resilience to kids and adults alike."

Author Stephen J. Cutler and Jodi Cutler Del Dottore jointly stated, "Cal Ripken Jr. has always been a role model, class act and inspiration to so many children worldwide, and it is only fitting that he is the inspiration for the main character in RALLY CAPS based on his work ethic and love of the game of baseball. We are honored and privileged that Cal believes in our book's message that 'Nothing Is Impossible'."

RALLY CAPS is a humorous, fun-filled baseball and camp story by the father-daughter team. This touching story of persevering through difficult times blends fiction with baseball facts and history, and is ideal for ages 8-12, although it has also been well-received by adults.

In this inspiring story, ten year-old Jordan is injured in an unfortunate and frightening accident while trying out for the Little League travel team. Recovery is difficult. At summer camp, he struggles to conquer his anxiety and fear in order to return to his beloved game of baseball. He forms a friendship with a deaf Italian boy, Luca, who wears a cochlear implant. Lucas' compelling positive "Nothing Is Impossible" attitude, along with the inspiration he draws from his idol, Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr., gives Jordan the courage to return to baseball with a passion.

Jodi Cutler Del Dottore's motivation for writing was to create a strong hearing-impaired character who wears a cochlear implant. to provide a character in literature with whom her son and other deaf children could identify. Jodi, who lives in Grosseto, Italy, has taken RALLY CAPS a step further and is educating the Deaf community with her daily blog, "An American Mom in Tuscany: Jordan's Cochlear Implant Story."

For more information, visit '<http://www.rallycaps.net>' and '<http://www.rallycapsdotnet.blogspot.com>'. Books can be purchased through major distributors online and autographed copies are available on the RALLY CAPS Web site.

RALLY CAPS was published by Publish America, ISBN 1-4241-7381-7, cover art and editing by Kathy Temean, '<http://www.temeanconsulting.com>'. RALLY CAPS is soon to be published in Italian.

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(From Left) Jodi Cutler Del Dottore, Mother; Jordan (center), Stephen J. Cutler (Grandfather, right)  
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