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## **New Children's Book Promotes Pure Girl Power**

**Co-creators and business partners Barbara Ciarlantini and Mary Schwartz prove girls can do anything in *The Handy Girls Can Fix It!***

LAS VEGAS – *The Handy Girls Can Fix It!* by Barbara Ciarlantini and Mary Schwartz is a book that teaches girls to be self-reliant by adopting non-traditional roles.

In *The Handy Girls Can Fix It!*, five young girls have a fix-it shop, where they work together to help friends and neighbors. Whether they are repairing a bike, building a scarecrow for someone's garden, or painting an old doghouse, the girls work as a team and get the job done. When one Handy Girl's little brother and his friend come to the fix-it shop to have a broken cookie jar put back together, the boys want to stick around, and in doing so, accidentally get into mischief. In the end, the Handy Girls find a way to fix the situation by making the boys their own clubhouse.

Despite their own unique backgrounds, personalities, and special interests, the Handy Girls share a common bond. With every expression of creativity and with every act of helping others, the girls build their self-esteem and begin to recognize pride in themselves and their work. Empowering girls of all ages, *The Handy Girls Can Fix It!* breathes confidence into the minds of its readers and reveals a whole new world of opportunities to girls.

Chosen for the International Reading Association/Children's Book Choices List, *The Handy Girls Can Fix It!* has been endorsed by Girls Clubs of America, Parenting Guidance Centers, Junior Achievement and others.

For more information or to request a free review copy, members of the press can contact the co-creators at [handygirls101@embarqmail.com](mailto:handygirls101@embarqmail.com). *The Handy Girls Can Fix It!* is available for sale online at Amazon.com, BookSurge.com, and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide.

### ***About the Co-Creators***

Barbara Ciarlantini and Mary Schwartz started their own painting and paperhanging business called Handy Girls in 1976. Over the years, through perseverance, determination, and hard work, they built a successful enterprise in what was traditionally known as a man's field. Additionally, they authored a weekly column in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *Las Vegas Sun* newspapers, in which they answered how-to questions from their readers. Both women reside in Las Vegas.

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