Love's Journey: How Do You Keep the Flame Alive?

Black Mountain, NC — April 15, 2019. The initial spark and heat of fresh romance is an exhilarating experience. However, as a relationship continues, some couples find that their ardor dims, or perhaps even gets snuffed out. How does love stay alive alongside in-laws, demands at work, and needs of children?

In *Tending the Fire: The Story of a Marriage*, award-winning author and illustrator Jeannie DuBose explores these questions by providing an intimate look inside her marriage, as she and her husband grow through junctures both bumpy and beautiful. Accompanied by original illustrations, the narrative provides a portal for readers to consider their own journey with love.

Barbara Brown Taylor, author of *Learning to Walk in the Dark* offers, "The greatest art of this book is the author's ability to tell a universal story with such intimacy that it ends up being the reader's story as well. Like you, they know how their story started without knowing how it will end. Wherever you step into it, this book will welcome you home to being human."

"I believe it is in our closest relationships that our best and worst selves are revealed," Jeannie explains. "Those relationships offer us the lessons we need in order to grow — and yet, invariably it seems we resist learning those lessons. This has certainly been the case in my life. Writing and illustrating *Tending the Fire* illuminated these maxims for me."

Jeannie will be traveling with *Tending The Fire: The Story of a Marriage* (Beaver's Pond Press, 2019), for a series of books signings, readings and reflections. For a complete event schedule and more information about Jeannie's work, visit <u>www.jeanniedubose.org</u>. *Tending The Fire* is available for purchase through any bookseller, Amazon, or on Jeannie's website.