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**NEBRASKA DEBUT AUTHOR, CHRISTINE HARRIS,  
PUBLISHES *THE GYPSY IN MY SOUL***

LINCOLN, NE — June 3, 2008 — The dark history of WWII provides a riveting backdrop for the story of a young Gypsy woman's fight for life.

In her debut novel, *The Gypsy in My Soul*, Lincoln NE's Christine Harris brings to life the persecution of the Gypsies (now known as Roma or Romani) through the eyes of a woman desperately seeking the truth about her grandmother against the backdrop of Cold-War Eastern Europe.

"As many as half a million Roma were displaced and murdered by the Nazis and their allies during World War II," Harris said. "I've tried to make the narrative real and compelling by focusing on the story of one woman's struggle to survive and another woman's quest to learn the truth."

In 1943 Warsaw, Sasha Karmazin is wrenched from her family by the Gestapo and sent to Auschwitz, Europe's largest Nazi concentration camp. In 1984 Nebraska, her granddaughter, Beth Karmazin learns that her grandmother, presumed dead, is accused of having taken a Nazi lover and collaborated with the Nazi's while at Auschwitz. Beth's commitment to prove her grandmother's innocence takes her on a three-year quest deep into Communist-controlled Eastern Europe at the height of the Cold War, a journey that changes not only her life, but also the course of history.

Seamlessly moving from the turbulent 1940s to the 1980s, *The Gypsy in My Soul* creates a riveting portrait of one woman's devotion to family—and to uncovering the truth.

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Author Christine Harris was born in Norfolk, NE, but spent several years in Germany as the daughter of U.S. army officer and traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia during her business career as vice president of human resource for Harris Laboratories. She has received numerous professional and civic awards, as well as three gubernatorial appointments. Ms. Harris is active on community boards and committees, including Cedars Youth Services, the University of Nebraska Foundation, the Humanities Council and the State of Nebraska Nominating Commission for Juvenile Judges.

Ms. Harris has a degree in secondary education and history from the University of Nebraska and lives with her husband, Ron, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

*The Gypsy in My Soul*, a historical fiction novel, is published by iUniverse and is available for \$17.95 at [www.authorchristineharris.com](http://www.authorchristineharris.com) or Barnes & Noble online. *The Gypsy in My Soul* is 274 pages. It was released in March 2008, ISBN # 0-595-47434-9.

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