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Press Release

# **Averill Park author’s debut novel free Sept. 2-6 to help fight hunger**

Averill Park, NY (Sept. 1) A Hudson Valley Community College instructor who also volunteers at Doors of Hope food pantry in West Sand Lake is using a free promotion for her debut novel to support hunger relief.

“The Awful Mess: A Love Story,” which she describes as a “sunnier, sexier twist on ‘The Scarlet Letter’,” will be available as a Kindle download free from Amazon September 2-6, and any royalties she earns for the rest of the month will be donated to Feeding America.

Hutchison encourages anyone who gets the book for free and enjoys it to donate non-perishable food or funds to their local food pantry or to Feeding America (possibly via her virtual campaign page at <http://help.feedingamerica.org/goto/awfulmess>).

Her novel is set in a small town in New Hampshire circa 2003. She says, “As in ‘The Scarlet Letter,’ there’s a cleric who behaves badly, and I use the debate about Bishop Robinson. My heroine calls herself a heathen, but eventually falls in love with a guy who supports gay rights even though he’s a Christian who doesn’t believe in sex before marriage. Meanwhile, his father is an Evangelical who thinks homosexuality is an abomination. The book is really about how people with widely varying religious beliefs can still come together.”

“The Awful Mess: A Love Story” is available exclusively at Amazon. A PG-13 version is also available there and from other e-book retailers such as Barnes and Noble and Kobo. Although the PG-13 version isn’t free, Hutchison will also donate its royalties for September. Both books currently have over four stars from Amazon reviewers.

There is no paper edition of the book at this time, but Hutchison points out that free Kindle software allows readers to download and read Kindle books on just about any device, including most personal computers, tablets, and smart phones.

Hutchison, who worked in publishing and advertising for many years, has a Master’s in fiction writing from the University of New Hampshire. Her short one-act play “Nude with Bearded Irises,” will be performed in Sand Lake as part of the Circle Theater Players’ One Act Play Festival at the Sand Lake Center for the Arts October 17-20.