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**Local Author Weaves Intrigue Involving Islamic State Mafia in Vegas  
into Contemporary Spin on the Bible’s Book of Jonah**

North East, MD—April 27, 2016—Michele Chynoweth’s latest novel, the third in her line of Modern Day Bible Stories, gets a little darker and more intense than her previous books which have been big hits with local fans.

That’s because the main character, Rory Justice, a contemporary version of the Bible’s Jonah, is called by his retired FBI father on his deathbed to hand-deliver a letter detailing plans by a new Islamic State Mafia to plant a nuclear bomb under one of the casinos in Las Vegas, aka “Sin City” a new Nineveh. Instead, Rory (like Jonah) jumps on a cruise ship after mailing the letter instead. But disasters follow as a result and Rory is faced with trying to save the sinners he abhors: prostitutes, drug addicts, gamblers and gangs. And, like Chynoweth’s other novels, a little romance enters the mix when Rory falls in love with feisty Police Lt. Susan McAfree who is part of his investigation team.

Yet even though *The Runaway Prophet* may be a bit spicier than her former award-winning novels, the book still delivers an inspirational message to today’s readers that correlates to what God is trying to tell us in the Old Testament story: that you can try to run from God’s call but you can’t hide, and sometimes when you try to rescue other people, God rescues you in the process.

**About the Author:**

Michele Chynoweth was a marketing director for the Emory Hill Companies in New Castle, DE for the past five years before recently embarking on her full-time author career. Her other novels include *The Faithful One*, based on the Book of Job, and *The Peace Maker*, based on the story of David and Abigail in the First book of Samuel. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, she is also an inspirational speaker, book coach and writing teacher in the Continuing Education program at Cecil College in North East, MD. Michele believes she has been called to bring stories in the Bible to life for today’s readers so they can better relate to God’s messages. For more information visit her website: [michelechynoweth.com](http://michelechynoweth.com).

**More About This Title:**

*The Runaway Prophet*, a Novel by Michele Chynoweth, will be released by Morgan James Publishing (New York) on July 5, 2016. *The Runaway Prophet*—ISBN 978-1630478070—is available in hard cover and as a paperback and e-book through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other major booksellers.

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