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Kick Back and Spend “A Day on the Mountain”

Oregon author Kevin Kurtz launches his fall 2010 release this month

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (Aug. 2, 2010) - If you’ve already spent “A Day in the Salt Marsh” with award-winning author Kevin Kurtz, then you will love his follow-up book *A Day on the Mountain*, which hits bookshelves nationwide this month. With the help of beautifully realistic illustrations by Erin Hunter, Kurtz takes readers on a journey up a diversely inhabited mountain.

To celebrate his new release, Kurtz has scheduled many events throughout August and September. The Science Factory Children’s Museum in Eugene, Ore. will host his official launch party on Aug. 13 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Kurtz will be reading from a projection off of the new full-dome digital theater, the Exploration Dome.

His other August and September events include:

- August 14: Signing at Borders Bookstore in **Eugene, Ore.** from 3:00p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- August 19: Book signing at the Lane County Fair, Author Courtyard, in **Eugene, Ore.** 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- August 22: Book signing at the Lane County Fair, Author Courtyard, in **Eugene, Ore.** from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- August 26: Reading and signing at the Crater Lake Community House in **Crater Lake National Park, Ore.** at 3:00 p.m.
- August 27: Reading & Signing at Barnes & Noble in **Bend, Ore.** at 11:00 a.m.
- September 1: Book Reading, Signing and Toddler Activity at the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History in **Eugene, OR** beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- September 3: Book Reading and Signing at Barnes & Noble in **Eugene, Oregon** at 7:00 p.m.

Told in rhyming verse, *A Day on the Mountain* takes readers up a mountain, from the forested bottom to the snow-covered top. While climbing, they witness the changing habitats, and meet the plants and animals that live there. With the help of Hunter’s vibrant illustrations, Kurtz invites children to explore in nature while learning about the diverse habitats and wildlife as they travel higher and higher up the mountain.

Kurtz says, “I am very excited about being able to read my new book *A Day on the Mountain* to the kids in Oregon. Mountains are an ever-present part of our lives here. I am glad I have the opportunity to help kids explore the variety of habitats that mountains support and introduce them to some of the plants and animals that live there.”

Like all other **Sylvan Dell** titles, *A Day on the Mountain* features a special “For Creative Minds” section at the end of each story. This section provides fun activities and information to enhance the book’s educational value. Additionally, the [Sylvan Dell Web site](#) offers an abundant amount of supporting material including a 30-40 page “Teaching Activities”

packet, interactive reading and math Quizzes, the most technologically advanced **eBooks** in the world today, and much more.

Kevin Kurtz has loved books and nature since he was a kid growing up in upstate New York. He holds a degree in English literature and elementary education . Kurtz started his professional career assisting with lab and fieldwork at a marine biology research center. For over a decade, Kevin has combined all of these experiences by working as an educator, program developer and curriculum writer for organizations such as the South Carolina Aquarium, the Center for Birds of Prey in South Carolina and the Science Factory Children's Museum in Eugene, Oregon. He has written and edited the South Carolina Aquarium's award-winning K-8 curriculum, as well as curriculum activities for NOAA, the College of Charleston's COASTeam project, the Center for Birds of Prey and the Science Factory Children's Museum. He also helped develop and was the first coordinator of the South Carolina Aquarium's High School Intern Program, which won AZA's Diversity award. To learn more about the author, visit [Kevin's Website](#).

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For more information about his book, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/DayMountain.php>.

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