

MEDIA ALERT

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A SWEET SUMMER PICK ... RIPE FOR READING

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED CHILDREN'S AUTHOR DROPS IN ON PORTLAND

WHAT

Terry Pierce got the idea for her newest picture book while vacationing in Oregon. "***Blackberry Banquet*** came to me one day when I was approaching my favorite wild blackberry bush to pick berries for making a pie," explains Pierce. "As I neared the bush, a flurry of animals fled from it, and it made me start thinking about how we're not the only animals who enjoy such a sweet treat!"

Blackberry Banquet (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2008. For ages 4-8.) tells a similar story – only Terry replaced herself with a big black bear. In the 32-page book illustrated by Lisa Downey, forest animals "squeak," "tweet," "slurp," "yip" and "chomp" over the sweet, plump fruit of a wild blackberry bush, but when a bear arrives to take part in the feast, chaos strikes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 5 at the Hood River Library, at 11 a.m.**
- **July 5 at the Waucoma Bookstore at approximately noon**

A former pre-primary Montessori teacher, Pierce taught for 22 years before following her dream of writing for children in 1999. Now the author of 17 books for young readers, including picture books, easy readers, joke books and non-fiction, Pierce calls her career change "the best mid-life crisis ever."

MEET TERRY

"I love it," she says, "and I don't see myself doing anything else in the future."

She also teaches children's writing workshops for children and adults, is a visiting author at elementary schools and serves on the Ventura/Santa Barbara regional board of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). Additionally, Terry has presented programs for the California Reading Association, the Kern Reading Association, SCBWI, Kern Community College District and various school districts.

GET IN ON THE ACTION

Take advantage of Terry's story-telling expertise and schedule an interview today – contact Sylvan Dell publicist, Sara Dobie, at SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com or (877) 958-2600.

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