

Whistling Wings

By Laura Goering

Illustrated by Laura Jacques

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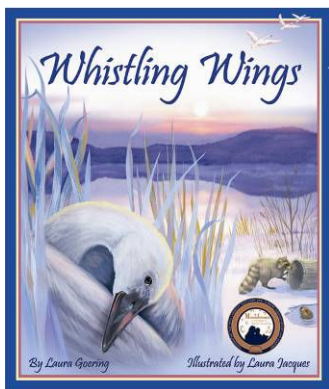
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Marcel, a young tundra swan,

is tired from the first half of a winter migration. One thousand miles is a long way to fly — too long for Marcel, so he hides in the rushes to stay behind while his parents and the flock continue south. But with the lake nearly frozen over, he soon realizes that he is not cut out for life on ice. Other animals offer advice about how to survive the winter, but their ways of living aren’t right for the swan. Hungry and scared, he falls asleep — only be awakened by a big surprise!

Thanks to Roland J. Limpert of Maryland’s Department of Natural Resources and co-author of *Tundra Swan (Cygnus columbianus)*, *The Birds of North America* for verifying the accuracy of the information in this book.

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About the Author and Illustrator



Laura Goering (pronounced Gehring) is a professor of Russian language and literature (including Russian Literature for Children) at Carleton College. Every fall, people travel from all over the Upper Midwest to Alma, Wisconsin, to view the thousands of whistling swans (also called tundra swans) who stop there on the way from their breeding grounds in northern Canada and Alaska to their wintering grounds in the Chesapeake Bay area. It was this spectacle that inspired Laura to write *Whistling Wings*. While Laura has poems published in anthologies and several magazine articles to her credit, this is her first picture book. Laura lives with her husband and their daughter in Minnesota.

Award-winning illustrator **Laura Jacques** (pronounced Jakes) has more than 25 years of professional experience as an illustrator in the fields of advertising and publishing. She enjoys illustrating children's books that focus on natural history, wildlife, and the environment. In addition to illustrating *Baby Owl's Rescue* (Fall 2009) and *Whistling Wings* for Sylvan Dell, she has also illustrated *At Home in the Rain Forest*, *Wildlife Refuge: A Classroom Adventure*, and *Sweet Magnolia*. Her books have won several honors and awards, including "NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children" sponsored by the Children's Book Council and the "KIND Children's Book Award" sponsored by the Association for Humane and Environmental Education, a division of the Humane Society of the United States. Laura was chosen by the Rocky Mountain National Park's Superintendent to participate in the 2008 Artist-in-Residence Program in Colorado. Her work will be used by the park's Next Generation Program and Fund, whose mission is to engage children in nature and interest them in becoming environmental stewards for the future of our National Parks and the communities in which they live. Visit <http://www.laurajacques.com/> for more information!



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