

MEDIA ALERT

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Learning to listen in *The Best Nest*

Local children's book author to sign books at Barnes and Noble July 12

THE STORY

Doris Mueller recalls that whenever she failed to listen to instructions as a child, her mother would tell her an Old English Tale, which inspired her to write *The Best Nest*. "Retelling the old folktale on which my story was based has been a wanna-do of mine for a long time," explains Doris, who remembers well the tale from her childhood. "If I neglected to listen to my mother's instructions for baking cookies or running an errand, she would tell me the story of a magpie who tried to teach other birds to build beautiful, strong nests like hers. All but one failed to attend to her instructions and went off to build inadequate nests."

UPCOMING EVENT

Barnes and Noble
Chesterfield, MO
Saturday, July 12
1-2:30 PM and 3-4:30 PM
Presentation and book signing

MEET DORIS

Doris Mueller has been a teacher and professor at every level from kindergarten through graduate school. She currently teaches college-level writing courses and a class in Children's Literature. Her previous books include a picture book, *Small One's Adventure*, a middle-grade novel, *Marryin' Sam*, and a biography, *M. Jeff Thompson: Missouri's Swamp Fox*. Doris and her husband live on a small lake outside of St. Louis and have many bird visitors at their bird feeders—woodpeckers, hummingbirds, nuthatches, and goldfinches, among others. Their own children are grown and have flown the nest.

GET IN ON THE ACTION

Take advantage of Doris's storytelling and schedule an interview today! Contact Sylvan Dell publicist, Sara Dobie, at SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com or (877) 958-2600.

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