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Wetland conservation and childhood hyperactivity...

Award-winning author Donna Love uses picture books to educate

MT. PLEASANT, SC (January 2009) - According to children's book author Donna Love, the more you know about something, the better care you can give it. For Love, this applies to both wetland conservation and childhood hyperactivity. This belief goes a long way to explain the inspiration for her newest children's book from Sylvan Dell Publishing, *Henry the Impatient Heron*. Love was watching two young herons trying to hunt on the Clearwater River near her Montana home while their mother patiently fed near by. The comical hopping and flopping about by the young herons made Donna wonder, "What would happen if a heron couldn't stand still?"

Henry the Heron was always moving, and it drove everyone crazy! His brother and sister yelled at him for stepping on their heads, and Mom and Dad could barely get food into his little baby mouth. But herons have to stand still to catch their food, so how would Henry ever be able to eat on his own? In *Henry the Impatient Heron*, Love takes readers along with Henry as he learns a valuable lesson from the King of Camouflage! Hilarious and lighthearted illustrations by Christina Wald complement the important lesson in the text. It is a meaningful lesson for both herons and kids alike, which teaches the importance of just being still!

Love is an award-winning author who lives in Montana, where her husband is a district ranger in the Lolo National Forest. Two of their three children are now in college. Throughout her years as a substitute teacher and while raising her own children, she found she had a gift for explaining nature to children. With the help of *Henry the Impatient Heron* (Sylvan Dell Publishing, Spring 2009), she hopes to share that gift with others, tuning children into nature and science through literature.

"My book is a must-buy as it draws attention to the important issues of wetlands and helps children understand a wetland's importance in the world and its importance to wetland animals, such as the great blue heron," says Love. "The story encourages children to develop patience. It also encourages them to help children younger than themselves and to ask for help from their elders, such as a grandparent, when they need it."

Love has events scheduled in the coming months, in celebration of her book launch, taking place March 14, at the Missoula Barnes and Noble location. For a complete listing of her events, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm#Henry>. For details about Henry, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/Heron.php>. For more about Donna Love, visit her website, <http://www.donnalove.com./index.html>.

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