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To Saturn and Beyond! ...for author John McGranaghan *PA children's book author celebrates publishing debut with exciting events*

WHAT

It's a normal, everyday question that parents often ask their children—what do you want for your birthday? Imagine Philadelphia author John McGranaghan's surprise when his four-year-old son Kyle asked for the planet Saturn. Imagine his additional surprise when John realized he wanted to be a children's book author!

Saturn for my Birthday (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2008) has already been hailed as "perfect for the family library and a must have for schools and public libraries" (*Armchair Interviews*, 2008). It is the story of a boy named Jeffrey. Jeffrey wants Saturn for his birthday, and he wants the moons, too—all 47 of them. But he's not selfish; he'll share the rings with some of his friends at school and with his teacher, Mrs. Cassini. Facts about Saturn are woven seamlessly throughout this hilarious story as Jeffrey explains just what he'll do with his present and how he'll take care of it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 25, Montgomery County Community College, 10 AM, "Enriching the Curriculum with Current Children's Literature" continuing education course
- Aug. 1, O'Doodles Toy Store, 6:30-8 PM, Philadelphia, PA, Signing
- Aug. 20, Free Library of Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill Branch, 7 PM, Philadelphia, PA, Pajama Party and Reading!
- Aug. 23, Barnes and Noble, 1 PM, Plymouth Meeting, PA, Signing/Reading
- Sept. 13, Borders, 1 PM, Warrington, PA, Signing/Reading/Lesson
- Oct. 19, Keystone State Reading Association Conference, 2:45-4:45 PM, Valley Forge Convention Center, Author Tea

MEET JOHN

John McGranaghan has always been fascinated by outer space, although *Saturn for my Birthday* is his first foray into the realm of children's book publishing. John has previously written stories and articles for *Boys' Quest Magazine*, *Pockets Magazine*, *Columbia Magazine*, and his local newspapers, and he is the winner of the 2001 Pockets Fiction Contest. When John isn't writing, he enjoys sports and spending time with his wife and two boys. John currently works as a school counselor in the Philadelphia suburbs.

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