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***The Rainforest Grew All Around* Receives its Fourth Award**

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. (June 2, 2008) – The International Reading Association has awarded Susan Mitchell's ***The Rainforest Grew All Around*** its 2008 Teacher's Choice Award, making this the fourth award the children's book has won.

According to the IRA's Web site, the Teacher's Choice Awards identify approximately 30 books per year, rated by teams of teachers, librarians, and reading specialists, as outstanding books for curriculum use.

Published by Sylvan Dell Publishing in April 2007, *The Rainforest Grew All Around* has also won one of *Learning Magazine's* 2008 Teachers' Choice Awards for Childrens Books, a National Parenting Publications Award (NAPPA) Honor, and the Just for Mom Foundation's 2008 Silver Recipient in the Green Earth picture book category. It was also a finalist in The Green Earth Book Award, sponsored by the Newton Marasco Foundation.

"I couldn't be prouder," said Mitchell. "Being recognized by parents and educators for my writing is a dream come true."

An educator at the Creative Learning Center in Atascocita and mother of two, Mitchell recently launched another book for children, *Kersplatypus*, also with Sylvan Dell. She has also written *Stone Pizza* and more than 14 non-fiction chapter books for older readers.

More information about Susan K. Mitchell and her books, as well as free parent/teacher resources, are available at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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