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Nursery rhymes with a seaside slant

Award-winning author Lucy Nolan launches new picture book in 2009

MT. PLEASANT, SC (July 27, 2009) – Award-winning South Carolina author Lucy Nolan spent much of her childhood summers with family, roaming the beaches of southern islands by the sea. It was only a matter of time before Nolan would weave her seaside adventures into playful poetry, and so began the creation of new release **Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys & Gulls** (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2009).

“This book actually started out as some doodlings about one of my favorite places in the world – the South Carolina coast,” said Nolan. “But instead of a book about a small corner of my world, **Mother Osprey** became a tribute to all of America from sea to shining sea. It combines two childhood favorites – Mother Goose rhymes and the beach!”

What if Jack and Jill had been playing on a nice soft sand dune instead of that treacherous hill? And suppose Mary's pet wasn't really a lamb. What if Mary had a little...clam? Those questions - and more - are gleefully answered in **Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys & Gulls**. This collection retells Mother Goose rhymes and celebrates America's coastlines and waterways. Young readers will meet playful pelicans, seagulls, and otters. They'll ride wild island ponies, meet pirates, and hopefully, they'll learn the important difference between "orca" and "okra." With clever twists on old standards, **Mother Osprey** is a salute to sea breezes, sand, and just plain silliness.

Mother Osprey nicely supports Sylvan Dell's mission of bringing science and math to children through literature and brings the company's number of educational picture books to 45. Every Sylvan Dell title includes a 3-5 page “For Creative Minds” educational section in the back of the book. Plus, on their website, children, parents, and teachers will find 40-50 pages of additional cross-curricular teaching activities, three interactive quizzes, and eBooks (auto-read, auto-flip, and selectable English and Spanish text and audio) for each book.

Nolan is the author of several picture books and the popular *Down Girl and Sit* chapter books. She is also a two-time winner in the South Carolina Fiction project, sponsored by the South Carolina Arts Commission. She has a challenge for her readers. “As the collection grew, I drew upon some of the less well-known nursery rhymes,” said Nolan. “Find a collection of Mother Goose rhymes and see if you can tell which rhyme each **Mother Osprey** poem is based on.”

In celebration of her new release, Nolan will be featured at an upcoming book signing, August 28, at 2:00 PM, at Litchfield Books in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. For event details and a full listing of Nolan's upcoming appearances, visit <http://sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm#Osprey>.

For more information about her book, visit <http://sylvandellpublishing.com/Osprey.php>. For more about Nolan, visit her website: <http://www.lucynolanbooks.com>. For all interview requests or media queries, please contact Sylvan Dell's publicist, Sara Dobie, at (877) 958-2600 or SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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