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September 19th is Talk Like a Pirate Day!

Author Lucy Nolan holds book signing at Columbia Barnes and Noble to celebrate international holiday

Mt. Pleasant, SC (September 16, 2009) - Centuries ago, South Carolina's coastline and waterways were at the mercy of some of history's most infamous pirates. Their presence and way of life had a huge impact on South Carolina, and on Saturday, September 19, you can take part in commemorating those buccaneers by celebrating international Talk Like a Pirate Day with children's book author Lucy Nolan. Nolan, author of Sylvan Dell Publishing's fall 2009 title, **Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys and Gulls**, will celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day with a book signing at the Midtown Barnes and Noble in Forest Acres, September 19 at 3 PM in Columbia, SC.

"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!"

Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys and Gulls (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2009) presents a retelling of traditional nursery rhymes with a nautical twist. Read about Mary's little clam, whose shell was white as snow and Jack and June who went up a sand dune! Children will be amused to find that London Bridge isn't falling down - Hatteras Light is! Readers beware, though, because along the way you could come across alligators, sharks, wild ponies, and even pirates! A celebration of America's waterways and coasts, this book not only features creativity and wit but also includes colorful and entertaining illustrations by Connie McLennan.

Mother Osprey was inspired by Nolan's childhood days spent in Pawley's Island, SC and Amelia Island, FL. Author of several picture books and the popular *Down Girl and Sit* series, Nolan is a two-time winner in the South Carolina Fiction project. To learn more about this South Carolina Native visit her website at www.lucynolanbooks.com. 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."

Founded in Albany, OR, by John Baur and Mark Summers, Talk Like a Pirate Day will be celebrated around the globe, from a costume contest and school play in Istanbul to a charity beach party in the Lesser Antilles. Pirates for Parkinson's, an organization born from this holiday, is even hosting charity walks around the world to raise money for a good cause! So on Saturday, September 19th, unleash your inner sea dog and join in Nolan's book signing at 3 PM, at the Midtown Barnes and Noble in Forest Acres, Columbia, SC.

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