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“Flipper” the Dolphin Celebrates 42nd Anniversary

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Sept. 12, 2006) – The theme song proclaims “They call him Flipper, Flipper, faster than lightning; No-one you see, is smarter than he,” and this Tuesday, Sept. 19, marks the 42nd anniversary of NBC’s popular television show.

Originally broadcast on September 19, 1964, “Flipper” aired for three seasons and tells the story of game ranger Porter Ricks, his two sons, Sandy and Bud, and their pet dolphin, Flipper. The series was a spin-off of the 1963 film “Flipper,” and was revived in the early 1990s.

"Dolphins are beautiful, intelligent mammals who have always had the ability to captivate children and adults, and that's part of why I remember 'Flipper' so fondly," explains marine mammal author Loran Wlodarski.

Wlodarski has written six books for SeaWorld and has been published in "Grolier's Encyclopedia for Children" and "The Marine Mammal Encyclopedia." His latest book, "If a Dolphin Were a Fish," is written for children ages four through eight. Released by Sylvan Dell Publishing in April 2006, "Dolphin" is illustrated by artist Laurie Allen Klein, also of Florida.

"It is my hope that 'If a Dolphin Were a Fish' will teach children about the dolphin family and explain why dolphins are not like fish, manatees and sharks," Wlodarski continues. "Laurie's illustrations humorously combine the book's main character, Delfina the dolphin, with the sea turtle, pelican, etc. she wants to be, and that reinforces the text and really brings the point home for children."

"Dolphin" has received complementary reviews from the Horn Book Review, Science Books & Films, Learning Magazine and CLDC & Children's Literature. In addition, educators at SeaWorld Orlando and the South Carolina Aquarium vetted the book for scientific accuracy and the title is part of the Accelerated Reader Program.

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