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TWO SYLVAN DELL BOOKS HONORED WITH MOONBEAM CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Nov. 1, 2007) – Jenkins Group and *Independent Publishers Online* recently announced the winners of the first annual Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, a program designed to “bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading.”

Two books from Sylvan Dell Publishing in Mt. Pleasant were among the award winners, bringing the total number of book awards Sylvan Dell has received to 13. Sylvan Dell currently has 25 books available, and in addition to the 13 awards won, they have been finalists for 28 others in the past three years.

“**How the Moon Regained Her Shape**” (2006) received the Gold in the “Picture Book – 4-8 Year Old” category, and “**ABC Safari**” (2007) received the Bronze in the “Alphabet/Counting Book” category. Influenced by Native American folktales, “Moon” teaches the phases of the moon while emphasizing how to deal with bullies, and “ABC Safari” introduces young readers to animals from many different habitats.

“We had trouble finding room for another award sticker on ‘Moon’s’ cover,” joked Publisher Lee German. “But that’s a great problem to have. It’s an exciting time here at Sylvan Dell – we’re all very excited about the attention our books have been receiving from awards committees.”

Written by Janet Heller and Illustrated by Ben Hodson, “Moon” has won the 2007 IRA-CBC Children's Choices Award and the 2007 PMA Benjamin Franklin Award for Interior Art. The Society of Illustrators' selected “Moon's” illustrations for The Original Art Exhibition in 2006, and the book was also a 2006 Book Sense Summer Reads Pick. The Moonbeam Children's Book Award is author/illustrator Karen Lee's first award for “ABC Safari.”

Like all Sylvan Dell books, both “How the Moon Regained Her Shape” and “ABC Safari” feature “For Creative Minds” sections with fun facts, games and activities in the last three to five pages. Audio readings, comprehension quizzes, teaching activities, learning links and more supplemental resources are available for free on the publisher's Web site, www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

Sylvan Dell Publishing in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., is on a mission to create educational picture books that excite children's imaginations with artistically spectacular science, math and nature themed stories. Founded in November of 2004, Sylvan Dell's family has grown to include more than 48 authors and illustrators in the U.S. and Canada, and 25 titles – honored as finalists or winners of more than 40 book awards – line the bookshelf. For more information about Sylvan Dell's books and free supplemental resources, visit www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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