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Picture Book Focusing on Marine Mammals wins Teachers' Choice Award

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Sept. 15, 2006) – Mt. Pleasant-based Sylvan Dell Publishing is proud to announce that their picture book, “Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean,” is a *Learning Magazine* 2007 Teachers' Choice Award winner.

Introduced in 1994, *Learning Magazine's* Teachers' Choice Awards program is now one of the most recognized and prestigious awards in the educational market. Now in its 13th year, the 77 winners were chosen by a panel of teachers across the country.

“Water Beds,” written by Gail Langer Karwoski and illustrated by Connie McLennan, was released in 2005. The soothing bedtime story lets young readers follow a child's dream about sleeping in the water with ten different marine mammals—animals that live in the water but breathe air—and has been vetted for scientific accuracy by SeaWorld. It also includes a five-page “For Creative Minds” educational section with fun facts about marine mammals and a “Make-Your-Own Marine Mammal” craft that is aligned to National Science Standards.

Sylvan Dell Publisher Lee German explains, “Before writing ‘Water Beds,’ Gail studied the sleeping habits of orcas, harbor seals, bottlenose dolphins and other marine mammals for over six years, and Connie's stunning watercolors convey the warmth behind the bedtime story. Everyone here is excited for both Gail and Connie.”

“Water Beds” is an Accelerated Reader title and has received reviews from *School Library Journal*, the *Horn Book Review*, *National Science Teacher's Association* and *Science Books & Film*. The picture book is also the recipient of a 2005 Mom's Choice Award as selected by Dr. Twila Ligget, founder and producer of Reading Rainbow, and was a short-list finalist for the Southern Independent Booksellers' Alliance's 2006 Children's Book Award.

Brad Andrews, corporate vice president for Zoological Operations at SeaWorld Adventure Parks, comments, “‘Water Beds’ dives into the many mysteries of animal sleep with illustrations that are a dream come true. It's a great way to introduce youngsters to the variety of sleeping patterns found in marine animals ranging from killer whales to sea otters to walruses.”

Readers are encouraged to purchase “Water Beds” through their favorite neighborhood or online bookstore. Visit www.SylvanDellPublishing.com or call Katherine Miller at (877) 958-2600 for more information.