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Hoot, Hoot, Hurray! for Mr. and Mrs. Night Hunter

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (July 1, 2006) – Fluffy little bundles, two inches tall and two ounces in weight—can you guess what kind of animal babies Mr. and Mrs. Night Hunter have? That’s the object of Mt. Pleasant-based Sylvan Dell Publishing’s new picture book, “Happy Birthday to Whooo? A Baby Animal Riddle Book.”

This clever book of baby announcement riddles will have children ages four to eight giggling and guessing as they use the various text and illustrated clues to figure out what baby animal was just born. “Happy Birthday to Whooo?,” written by Doris Fisher and illustrated by Lisa Downey, introduces the concept of family diversity to children using 12 different animals including blue whales, kangaroos, flamingos, seahorses and skunks.

“A baby blue whale was the inspiration for ‘Happy Birthday,’” Fisher explains. “When I read about a 5,000 pound baby, I knew it would be fun to write a creative birth announcement for this whopper of a baby animal.”

Fisher, a former kindergarten teacher and private preschool teacher, has written children’s fiction, nonfiction, poetry, word puzzles and mazes. She has also had articles published in *Babybug*, *Boys’ Quest*, *Fun for Kidz*, *Highlights for Children* and *Wee Ones Magazine Online*.

Downey, a freelance artist and graphic designer, has been working with Sylvan Dell Publishing since 2004 to design the cover, layout and flow for each title they produce.

Sylvan Dell Publishing is on a mission to create picture books that excite children’s imagination, are artistically spectacular and have educational value. Each Sylvan Dell title features a three to five page educational section, “For Creative Minds.” “Happy Birthday to Whooo?’s” section includes fun facts about each of the 12 animals in the riddles, a numbers game and a “Design-a-Birth-Announcement” craft.

Educators at the Houston Zoo have vetted “Happy Birthday” for scientific accuracy.

Ask for “Happy Birthday to Whooo?” at your local or online bookstore. More information can be found at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com or by calling Katherine Miller at (877) 958-2600.