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Poet, homeschooler, and published author... Mother of three Kim Hutmacher does it all in 2009

MT. PLEASANT, SC (January 2009) - While gathering material for a science lesson on how animals use their appendages, homeschooling mother of three Kim Hutmacher had a difficult time finding material geared toward preschool and early elementary students. Never one to give up on her kids' educations, Kim decided to rectify the situation—she would research and write her own science material. This never-ceasing drive finally came full circle with the 2009 release of Hutmacher's debut children's book *Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet*.

Published by Sylvan Dell Publishing and written in verse, *Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet* inspires kids to get off on the right foot! Join the animals in their foot-frolicking fun—running, jumping, leaping, and hopping...and then resting. Go along on the exciting dream journey from morning to night, using hands and feet just like squirrels, monkeys, frogs, elephants, lions, pandas, and eagles. Travel to the lush jungle, the African savannah, Australian outback, and to the frozen Antarctic. Finally, as the sun sets, snuggle beneath the covers and snooze, with recollections of animals at play, inspired by the imaginative illustrations of Sherry Rogers. After all, even the wild things need some time to rest after a day of fast-footed fun!

Although *Paws* is Hutmacher's debut children's book, she is no stranger to the written word. She has written numerous pieces of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for children's magazines and anthologies. She has also written three eBooks for the educational website "A to Z Kid's Stuff" and served as poetry editor for Wee Ones Magazine for two years. "I have always loved to write," says Hutmacher. "Creative writing was my favorite subject in school! I almost always write in rhyme. Every word must count. My biggest challenge is finding just the right word. Conversely, my greatest reward is when I'm finally able to find that perfect word."

Hutmacher has a number of events planned throughout Illinois in the coming months, including signings, presentations, and school visits. Her launch party is March 7 at the Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield. For a full listing of her upcoming appearances, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm#pawsclaws>. For more information about Kim Hutmacher, visit her website at <http://kimberlyhutmacher.com/>.

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