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Military Migration and Moose?

Texas author Bettina Restrepo educates and entertains with *Moose and Magpie*

MT. PLEASANT, SC (June 23, 2009) – Debut children’s book author, Bettina Restrepo, grew up in a military family and moved fourteen times as a child. “I never felt rooted in a community,” she said. Her new release **Moose and Magpie** hits bookshelves nationwide this month and reaches out to “migrating” military families in Texas and beyond.

According to Bettina, “I’ve always been fascinated about migration. Why do animals get up and move from one place to another? How do they know where to go? As a child, we moved a lot. Since then, I have had an affinity for those strange, yet beautiful creatures, moose, and the pressures of their own migration.”

Moose and Magpie introduces the factual difficulties of moose growth and migration through humor. Young Moose is lucky to find a friend and guide in the wisecracking Magpie. “What do the liberty bell and moose have in common?” the Magpie asks as the seasons begin to change. Then, when fall comes: “Why did the moose cross the road?” Vivid illustrations by Sherry Rogers bring these characters to life, and content vetted for accuracy by Russell Link, District Wildlife Biologist, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife make the story an educational wildlife adventure.

The mission of Sylvan Dell Publishing is “science and math through literature,” and **Moose and Magpie** is no different from their other 43 educational picture books. Every Sylvan Dell title includes a 3-5 page “For Creative Minds” section in the back of the book, and free educational resources are available on the company website. **Moose and Magpie** activities include *What Do Moose Eat?*, *Match the Moose Body Part to its Adaptation*, *Moose Fun Facts*, and *Moose Life Cycle*.

Bettina Restrepo is a professional writer in Frisco, Texas, who has appeared in *Highlights for Children*, *Nature Friend*, and *Boy’s Life* magazines. Bettina graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Speech Communications and spent more than fifteen years in the retail industry as a merchandise manager and auditor. She achieved her dream and now writes at home with her husband, son, and dog in Texas. **Moose and Magpie** is her debut book, and she just signed a contract with Harper Collins for her young adult novel that will be published in winter 2012.

In celebration of her new release, Bettina has a number of events scheduled for the coming months in the Dallas area and beyond. Her book launch party is scheduled for Friday, July 17 at Legacy Books in Plano, Texas, from 7 to 8 PM. This includes an Author Mingle and Pajamarama Storytime.

For event details, visit <http://sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm#Moose>. For more information about her book, visit <http://sylvandellpublishing.com/Moose.php>. For more about Bettina, go to her website, <http://bettinarestrepo.com>. For all interview requests or media queries, please contact Sylvan Dell’s publicist, Sara Dobie, at (877) 958-2600 or SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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