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Local author rings in the New Year with a new award Gail Karwoski's 2008 release *River Beds* wins Mom's Choice Gold

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. (February 11, 2009) – Georgia author Gail Karwoski has nine titles to her name. She's won multiple awards for multiple books, and yet, it just never gets old. Her most recent release from Sylvan Dell Publishing, *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*, has just won Mom's Choice Gold-Animal Kingdom, and Karwoski couldn't be happier.

The Mom's Choice Awards (MCA) is an annual awards program that recognizes authors, inventors, companies, parents, and others for their efforts in creating quality family-friendly media, products and services. Parents, educators, librarians and retailers rely on MCA evaluations when selecting quality materials for children and families. The Mom's Choice Awards seal helps families and educators navigate the vast array of products and services and make informed decisions.

"When I shut my eyes tight, I dreamed that my new bedtime storybook would help youngsters 'sleep tight' in their own little 'burrows' - just like the river mammals that my story highlights," said Gail. "I pictured my story adding to kids' knowledge of animals and geography in schools all over the world. This Gold Award from the Mom's Choice judges is my 'author dream' coming true!"

River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2008) takes readers on an around-the-world boat ride to learn how mammals sleep in or around nine major rivers of the world on all continents except Antarctica. Told in a soothing style, this book serves as a bedtime/naptime story for younger children or an animal geography book for older children. A recent reviewer called *River Beds*, "A must have for family libraries, and teachers should have it also."

River Beds is a sequel to an earlier companion book, *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean*, released in 2005. It was awarded the Just for Moms Foundation Mom's Choice Award and the 2007 *Learning Magazine* Teachers' Choice Award. It was also a SIBA Book Award short list finalist, *ForeWord* Magazine Book of the Year Award finalist, and Book Sense Picks nominee.

Free educational materials—such as audio readings, activity ideas, learning links and interactive quizzes—are available to supplement the book at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com. Like all Sylvan Dell books, *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers* was vetted for scientific accuracy and is aligned to various national and state curriculum standards. For additional information, contact Sara Dobie at SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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