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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### LOCAL AUTHOR BECOMES USA BEST BOOK AWARDS FINALIST

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Nov. 18, 2011) –Seeley Lake author Donna Love has become a USA Best Book Awards Finalist for her latest picture book, *The Glaciers are Melting!*.

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Jeffrey Keen, President and CEO of USA Book News, said this year's contest yielded an unprecedented number of entries, which were then narrowed down to over 500 winners and finalists.

Keen says of the awards, now in their ninth year, "The 2011 results represent a phenomenal mix of books from a wide array of publishers throughout the United States. With a full publicity and marketing campaign promoting the results of the USA 'Best Books' Awards, this year's winners and finalists will gain additional media coverage for the upcoming holiday retail season."

*The Glaciers are Melting!* deals with the story of Peter Pika, who is so certain that the glaciers are melting after a drop of water falls on his head that he decides to go speak to the Mountain Monarch about it. Joined along the way by friends Tammy Ptarmigan, Sally Squirrel, Mandy Marmot, and Harry Hare, they all wonder what will happen to them if the glaciers melt. Where will they live, how will they survive? When Wiley Wolverine tries to trick them, can the Mountain Monarch save them? More importantly, can the Mountain Monarch stop the glaciers from melting?

Donna Love is an award-winning author whose husband is a district ranger on the Lolo National Forest. Two of their three children are now in college. In addition to *The Glaciers are Melting!*, Donna's other books include *Henry the Impatient Heron*, *Loons*, *Diving Birds of the North*, and *Awesome Ospreys*, *Fishing Birds of the World*. *Awesome Ospreys* became a Skipping Stones Press Honor Award Winner in 2006, for promoting ecological understanding and cooperation around the world. With a background in art education, Donna substitute teaches at the elementary and high school level. Throughout her years as a substitute and while raising her own children, she found she had a gift for explaining nature to children. She and her husband have three grown children and one grandchild.

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For more information about Love visit [www.donnalove.com](http://www.donnalove.com). For more information about *The Glaciers are Melting!* visit [www.sylvandellpublishing.com](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com).

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