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Local author is a double award-winner in 2009

Laura Goering's *Whistling Wings* earns Mom's Choice Gold

MT. PLEASANT, SC (February 5, 2009) – Laura Goering released her first children's picture book in the fall of 2008. In October, she won her first award for Sylvan Dell's *Whistling Wings*—Moonbeam Bronze. Now, in 2009, Goering has done it again with a Gold Medal-Animal Kingdom in the Mom's Choice Awards.

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.

"Receiving a Moms' Choice Award is an incredible honor for me personally," said Goering. "But it is also a testament to the winning formula of Sylvan Dell Publishing, whose books are loved by kids, science educators, and moms alike. Who says you can't please everyone?"

Her first award—Moonbeam Bronze—was announced late last year. The awards are held annually and are sponsored by the Independent Publisher Online Magazine. *Whistling Wings* won a bronze medal among 1,085 other entries.

Whistling Wings (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2008) is about Marcel, a young tundra swan, tired from the first half of a winter migration. One thousand miles is a long way to fly—too long for Marcel, so he hides in the rushes to stay behind. But with the lake nearly frozen over, he soon realizes that he is not cut out for life on ice. Hungry and scared, he falls asleep – only to be awakened by a big surprise! A recent reviewer said, "Every library and school should have this book. Oh, it should also be in every child's personal library."

Upcoming events for Laura include:

- February 9 and 10, Bridgewater Elementary School, Northfield, School Visit
- March 15, National Eagle Center, Wabasha, Presentation

For more information about *Whistling Wings* or Sylvan Dell Publishing in general, visit the Sylvan Dell Publishing website, <http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com>. For additional inquiries, contact Sara Dobie, Public Relations, at 877-958-2600 or SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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