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***Whistling Wings* takes flight!**

College professor Laura Goering celebrates the release of her debut children's picture book with family-friendly local events

WHAT

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 while his parents and the flock continue south. But with the lake nearly frozen over, he soon realizes that he is not cut out for life on ice. Other animals offer advice about how to survive the winter, but their ways of living aren't right for the swan. Hungry and scared, he falls asleep – only to be awakened by a big surprise!

EVENT SCHEDULE

- Sept. 20, 11:00 AM, Green Living Book Fair, Austin, MN, Signing
- Sept. 27, 12:00 PM, River City Books, Northfield, MN, Book Release Party!
- Oct. 4, 11:00 AM, St. Olaf College Bookstores, Northfield, MN, Signing
- Oct. 11, 1:00 PM, Wings Over Alma, Alma, WI, Signing
- Oct. 25, 10:00 AM, Best of Times Bookstore, Red Wing, MN, Signing

- Goering is a multi-lingual Russian language and literature professor at Carleton College in Minnesota. In 1992, she played in the Ultimate Frisbee Championship in Japan!

- For Goering, writing *Whistling Wings* has been a new and positive experience, and she feels the book serves a greater purpose. "It lends itself to use in the classroom in conjunction with NSES Life Science standards that require an understanding of how organisms interact with their environments," she said. "In the lower grades it can be used as an introduction to migration, hibernation and other wintering behaviors. For older elementary students, it can also be linked with discussions of changes in animal behavior that occur when the habitat is modified. Its educational goals are subordinate, though, to an engaging story with a likable main character."

ABOUT...

For a fun, family-friendly interview with Laura, please contact Sylvan Dell's publicist Sara Dobie at SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com or (877) 958-2600.

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