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## Finding a Spot that is *Just Right*

*Children learn about plant life through a familiar story*

Mt. Pleasant, SC (February 1, 2014) – The author, illustrator duo of Marianne Berkes and Cathy Morrison have teamed up once again, and will release *Daisylocks* this February. The whimsical story introduces the needs of plant life to children through an adaptation of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

Throughout the story, *Daisylocks* asks Wind to help her find the perfect spot to spread her roots. As Wind whisks *Daisylocks* away to far away locations, she rejects each one for not being *just right*. Berkes cleverly weaves facts about each habitat as well as how a daisy uses sunlight and soil to grow. Morrison depicts each habitat with amazing detail as the wind sweeps through keeping *Daisylocks* afloat.

As with all books by Sylvan Dell Publishing, *Daisylocks* includes a nonfiction For Creative Minds section filled with facts and activities that explore plant life and habitats further. Online the publisher includes teaching activities, quizzes and resources to integrate the story into a classroom lesson.

Award-winning author **Marianne Berkes** is a retired teacher and librarian who uses her love of nature and teaching to create informational picture books. In addition to *The Tree That Bear Climbed*, *Animalogy*, *Anybody Home?* and now *Daisylocks* for Sylvan Dell, some of Marianne's other 17 (and counting) award-winning titles include *Going Around the Sun*, *Some Planetary Fun*; *Seashells by the Seashore*; *Going Home*, *The Mystery of Animal Migration*; *Over in the Ocean*, *in a Coral Reef*; *Over in the Jungle*, *a Rainforest Rhyme* and most recently *Over in a River* and *What's in the Garden?*. Marianne has been actively involved in the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators for over twenty years and often suggests when she speaks at conferences that aspiring writers and illustrators join SCBWI.

**Cathy Morrison** may have started her art career in animation but she soon fell in love with illustrating children's books and has been doing so for 20 years. Cathy has illustrated *Daisylocks*, *Nature Recycles*; *How About You?*, *Three Little Beavers*, *Animalogy: Animal Analogies*, *Dino Tracks*, and *Dino Treasures* for Sylvan Dell. Other titles Cathy has illustrated include *Ignacio's Chair*, and the *Young Patriots Series* including *Alexander Hamilton*, *Young Statesman*; *Frederick Douglass*, *Young Defender of Human Rights*;

and *Juliette Low, Girl Scout Founder*. Cathy works from her home overlooking a beautiful view of the Mummy Range, on the northern side of Rocky Mountain National Park.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with Marianne Berkes or Cathy Morrison please contact Heather Williams at (843) 971-6722 or [heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com](mailto:heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com).

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