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CHEVY CHASE AUTHOR INTRODUCES LATEST PICTURE BOOK

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Feb. 6, 2011) –Sylvan Dell Publishing is proud to introduce Jean Heilprin Diehl's latest picture book *Three Little Beavers*. This story was inspired by Diehl's interest in urban wildlife conflicts with happy endings.

"Raising kids can mean a lot of time driving them around! I'd been thinking about how often young children ride in cars or on school buses and see the unhappy results of these conflicts lying along the road. My book was inspired by a real-life story about beavers that did have a happy ending. Beaver families typically consist of multiple kits, so that got me thinking about siblings and a line I'd read once that had stuck in my head: 'the goal of middle childhood is to differentiate the self.'"

Three Little Beavers focuses on Beatrix the beaver, who longs to find her special talent. Her brother Bevan is an expert at repairing the lodge with mud and twigs, while her sister Beverly is a superb underwater gymnast. When Beatrix runs away from home, she and her siblings are caught in a trap! It takes some simple engineering on the part of the humans who set the traps, and Beatrix's discovery of her special talents for the humans and beavers to finally find a way to live in harmony.

In addition to authoring *Three Little Beavers* and *Loon Chase* for Sylvan Dell, Diehl writes novels for kids and adults. Her fiction has received a James Michener Award, and she has taught writing at all levels, from elementary school through college.

Diehl will be visiting Tyler Elementary School March 14 and Bethesda Elementary School April 17

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For more information about Diehl or *Three Little Beavers* visit <http://sylvandellpublishing.com/bookpage.php?id=ThreeBeavers>.

Visuals & Other Requests: For cover art or Diehl's headshot, visit www.sylvandellpublishing.com/ImageGallery.htm. For all interview requests or media queries, please contact Sylvan Dell's publicist, Ashlee Rowe, at (877) 243-3457 or ashleerowe@sylvandellpublishing.com.

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