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LIONS AND TIGERS AND LEOPARDS, OH MY!
Bloomington picture book author Scotti Cohn introduces *Big Cat, Little Kitty*

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (April. 1, 2011) –Award-winning author Scotti Cohn introduces a new animal adventure in the picture book *Big Cat, Little Kitty*. Domestic cats have always been part of Cohn’s life, and served as the inspiration for the new children’s picture book, along with her admiration and concern for the well-being of the world’s big cats.

“I have always been fascinated by the similarities and differences between the big cats (tigers, lions, etc.) and domestic cats. I wanted to write a book for children to help them compare and contrast the characteristics and behavior of these amazing creatures. I also wanted to call attention to the plight of big cats all over the world. We are in danger of losing some of the most beautiful animals on the planet,” she said.

Big Cat, Little Kitty (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2011) takes readers on a journey to compare and contrast the fierce big cats of the world to the domestic cats with which we humans share our lives. Children learn the days of the week as they travel through mountains, jungles, and deserts to meet and learn about big cats, before heading back home to compare with the felines that stalk the birdfeeders in our own backyard. An entertaining children’s book, *Big Cat, Little Kitty* has been vetted for scientific accuracy and includes several pages of in-book learning activities as well as extensive free educational resources available on the publisher’s website.

Cohn is a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators and the author of eight nonfiction books as well as short stories and poems that have appeared in magazines for young people. Cohn’s first book with Sylvan Dell Publishing, *One Wolf Howls*, won the **2010 Silver Nautilus Book Award**. She is currently working on a third book in the series, titled *On the Move*, about seasonal migrating animals. She lives in central Ill. with her husband and five cats.

Cohn has a number of events scheduled for the coming months in celebration of her new release, including a launch event in May at the new snow leopard exhibit at the Miller Park Zoo. For complete schedule information, visit www.sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm#BigCat. For more information about *Big Cat, Little Kitty* visit www.sylvandellpublishing.com/bookpage.php?id=88 or Scotti’s website at www.scotticohn.com.

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