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What if You were a Parrot?

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (August 10, 2006) – Mt. Pleasant-based Sylvan Dell Publishing is proud to announce the release of their latest title, “If You Were a Parrot.”

This whimsical story, written by Katherine Rawson and illustrated by Sherry Rogers, will have children and adults imagining that they are climbing around the house with four-toed parrot feet, chewing wooden spoons and popsicle sticks with hooked beaks and even eating vegetables like corn on the cob and broccoli.

Rawson, a freelance writer, wrote the book to teach children about bird classifications and specific parrot adaptations. She says the inspiration for “Parrot” came from her own pet parrot, Shadow—“a small green parrot with a big personality.”

“I have always wanted to illustrate children’s books,” Rogers explains. “Now that I have been given the opportunity, I want to reach as many children and adults as possible. That’s why I chose to use four children from different nationalities and gave them parrots from different parts of the world.”

“Parrot” is illustrator Rogers’ second children’s book. Her first picture book, “Counting Little Geckos,” was published in the summer of 2005. Additionally, Rogers is illustrating another Sylvan Dell title, “Burro’s Tortillas,” a humorous southwestern retelling of “The Little Red Hen.” The book will be available in 2007.

Educators at SeaWorld/Busch Gardens and the National Aviary vetted “Parrot” for scientific accuracy and Renaissance Learning recently selected the picture book for its Accelerated Reader Program.

Sylvan Dell Publishing is on a mission to create picture books that excite children’s imaginations, are artistically spectacular and have educational value. Each Sylvan Dell title features a three to five page educational section, “For Creative Minds.” “Parrot’s” section includes parrot fun facts and information on their adaptations and classification, a “Make-a-Beak” craft and a checklist to see if a pet parrot is right for your child.

Individuals are encouraged to purchase “If You Were a Parrot” and any other Sylvan Dell title through their favorite neighborhood or online bookstore. Visit www.SylvanDellPublishing.com or contact Katherine Miller at (877) 958-2600 for more information.

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