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LOCAL AUTHOR WINS AGAIN

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Sept. 30, 2011) –Loran Wlodarski's latest children's picture book, *Felina's New Home* has just become a finalist for the Florida Publisher Association *President's Book Award*. This award recognizes book publishing excellence and creativity in both production and content.

The Florida Publisher Association presents the *President's Book Awards* annually. This is Wlodarski's second *President's Book Award* nomination, having previously won for his first picture book with Sylvan Dell Publishing, *If a Dolphin Were a Fish*.

Felina's New Home follows a Florida panther as her forest home begins to shrink, and her home becomes destroyed by pollution and man's interference. Trees disappear, a new busy highway cuts through her wood, and she and the other animals have a hard time trying to survive the changes. How can she survive? Wlodarski, an environmental science writer, gives children a look into deforestation and endangered animals, and what children can do to keep wild animals safe, happy, and healthy.

Wlodarski is a science writer for SeaWorld and has written six books for them in addition to his many normal daily responsibilities. He has been published in sources such as *Grolier's Encyclopedia for Children* and *The Marine Mammal Encyclopedia*. In addition, he has served as a scientific consultant for *Ask Magazine*, Random House Books, Animal Planet, Ripley's Believe it or Not, and *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*. One of his early jobs at SeaWorld's Education Department was to raise some of their animals-newly hatched sharks, macaws, turtles, tropical fish, and iguanas. He lives with his wife in St. Cloud.

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For more information about Wlodarski or *Felina's New Home* visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/bookpage.php?id=75>.

Visuals & Other Requests: For cover art or Wlodarski'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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