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## **Under the Sea, Slime is Goey Good!**

Mt. Pleasant, SC (February 1, 2014) – Kids aren't the only ones that like slime. Leading ocean expert Dr. Ellen Prager with illustrator Shennen Bersani introduce children to the many ways sea creatures use slime (aka mucus) in the ocean in their new underwater adventure, *Sea Slime: It's Eeuwy, Goey, and Under the Sea*.

*Sea Slime* hits stores February 10<sup>th</sup> with full-color spreads introducing young children to creatures large and small that use slime to protect themselves, to move from place to place, or to catch food. Prager takes her wealth of knowledge about marine life to excite children about the science behind ocean slime. The text is enhanced by Bersani's detailed and realistic illustrations.

As with all Sylvan Dell Publishing books *Sea Slime* includes a For Creative Minds section filled with fun facts and activities to dive deeper into the sea life found within the pages of the story. Online the publisher offers teaching activities, quizzes and alignment to standards, which allows teachers to seamlessly integrate the book into the classroom.

Dr. Ellen Prager, a well-respected marine scientist, consultant, and author, is widely recognized for her expertise and ability to bring science to the layperson. Her books for adults include the acclaimed *Sex, Drugs, and Sea Slime: The Oceans' Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter*; *Chasing Science at Sea: Racing Hurricanes, Stalking Sharks, and Living Undersea with Ocean Experts*; *The Oceans*; and *Furious Earth: The Science and Nature of Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis*. Her other her other children's books include *The Restless Earth: Earthquakes and Volcanoes*; *SAND; Volcanoes; and Earthquakes*; and the upcoming middle grade fiction series, *The Shark Whisperer: Tristan Hunt and the Sea Guardians*.

Award-winning children's book illustrator Shennen Bersani has two million copies of her illustrated books cherished and read by families throughout the world. She has been a freelance illustrator since 1989. She works primarily with colored pencils, sometimes using a mixed-media technique of colored pencils, crayon, and paint. Her art delivers a unique blend of realism, heartfelt emotion, love of nature, and life lessons for children of all ages. In addition to *Sea Slime: It's Eeuwy, Gooley and Under the Sea*; *The Shape Family Babies*; *Shark Baby*; *Home in the Cave*; *The Glaciers are Melting!*, and *Astro: The Steller Sea Lion* for Sylvan Dell, Shennen has illustrated a number of best-selling books, including, *Snakes: Long, Longer, Longest*; *Sharks: Big, Bigger, Biggest*; *Ocean Counting: Odd Numbers*; *Icky Bug Shapes*; and *My Sister, Alicia May*. Shennen lives with her family near Boston.

For more information about *Sea Slime: It's Eeuwy, Gooley, and Under the Sea*, or to schedule an interview with either Dr. Prager or Ms. Bersani, contact Heather Williams at (843) 971-6722 or [heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com](mailto:heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com).

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