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LIBERTYVILLE AUTHOR INTRODUCES LATEST PICTURE BOOK
Conquer and Divide with Suzanne Slade

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Feb. 6, 2011) –Award-winning author Suzanne Slade introduces a new math adventure with *The Great Divide*, the final chapter in a series of educational picture books from Sylvan Dell Publishing that includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division concepts. *The Great Divide* features colorful, detailed illustrations by Erin Hunter, who specializes entomological and botanical illustration.

Publisher's Weekly states, "Slade uses an appealing formula to simultaneously teach readers about both animal collective nouns and division. Rhyming word problems followed by numerical equations introduce animal groups, including a "charm" of hummingbirds, a "crash" of rhinos, and a "tribe" of billy goats. Hunter's naturalistic but warm paintings skillfully embody the two concepts, and appended materials include a matching game, a quiz about animal habitats, and an explanation of how division works."

The Great Divide is a fun-to-read-aloud rhyming book that introduces children to division as they conquer bands of gorillas, tribes of billy goats, mobs of wallabies, and other animal groups each with their own unique name.

Slade is the award-winning author of over 85 books for children including *The Great Divide*, *Multiply on the Fly*, *What's the Difference?*, *What's New at the Zoo?*, and *Animals are Sleeping* for Sylvan Dell. She enjoys visiting schools in-person or during her live virtual author visits, and is a February 2012 featured author for the Girl Scout's *Studio*, which is a showcase for inspiring authors to share their craft with others.

She will be visiting Prairie Crossing Elementary in Grayslake February 15, Prairie View Elementary in Elgin March 1, and Meadowview School in Grayslake on March 22.

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For more information about Slade visit www.suzanneslade.com. For more information about *The Great Divide* visit www.sylvandellpublishing.com/bookpage.php?id=GreatDivide.

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