

Local Author Publishes Second Book

Local author, Patricia Atchison, completes her second book, McKenzie's Frosty Surprise.

Wood Lily Publishers releases their second picture book which includes an educational component about wetland conservation.

McKenzie's Frosty Surprise is the second picture book from award-winning Water Valley, Alberta author, Patricia L. Atchison. Written while enjoying a walk around a wetland area close to her home, Atchison won the 1997 Calgary Writers Association Brendon Donnelly Award for Children's Literature with her entertaining McKenzie story.

Illustrator, Jo-Anne Jagers, found inspiration for the realistic Mallard illustrations within McKenzie's Frosty Surprise by watching ducks landing and feeding on her spring-fed pond. Living on the outskirts of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, gives Jagers a unique opportunity to spend time and observe nature just outside her back door. This nature interaction is reflected in the realistic portrayal of marsh life illustrated using acrylic and watercolours.

This new release by Wood Lily Publishers features McKenzie, a Mallard duck, who decides to stay at the marsh rather than flying south with his family. Overnight he encounters a frosty situation, but help soon arrives by way of an unlikely friend.

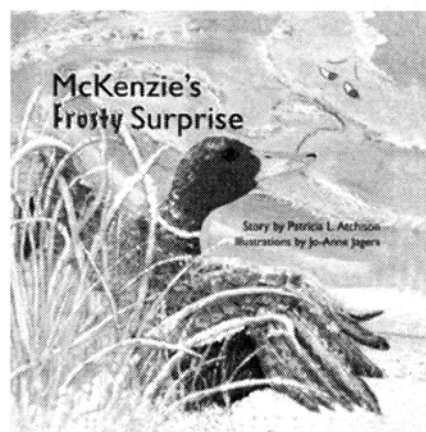
Children have the opportunity to learn about Mallard ducks, Northern Leopard Frogs and wetlands with this delightful nature story of McKenzie and his marsh friends.

Wood Lily Publishers will be donating one dollar (\$1.00) for each book sold to Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) for

wetland conservation. Our hope is to enhance the educational component of the book by introducing readers to DUC.

The reader also learns about Project Webfoot, DUC's school-based wetland education program. Its goal is to teach today's students – who are tomorrow's decision-makers and conservation leaders – about the tremendous value of wetland habitats.

McKenzie's Frosty Surprise is available at local area bookstores and online at www.woodlilybooks.com and www.abebooks.com.



Visit your local library or bookstore to find a copy of Patricia's first book, "Little Blue Penguin".

