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## **Colourful New Picture Book Entices The Reader To Ask, “What Colours Does He Shine?” - ‘Little Blue Penguin’ Brings Colour To A Child’s World**

**Water Valley, Alberta, Canada 01/28/2008** - Wood Lily Publishers releases their first picture book which helps children discover the glory of love, friendship and happiness through the colourful emotions of a loveable, expressive penguin character.

Little Blue Penguin (Wood Lily Publishers, October 2007) is the first picture book from award-winning Water Valley, Alberta author, Patricia L. Atchison. Written several years ago, the story is based on an event where Patricia’s daughter lost her stuffed little blue penguin while on an outing at a park. Once revisited, the story changed when Patricia introduced a colour theme into the character’s world. A question page at the end of the book allows for interaction between reader and listener, providing an educational aspect.

Rocky Mountain House, Alberta illustrator, Jo-Anne Jagers, decorates the story through brilliant use of colour and using various mediums. The penguin’s emotions and features are captured with expressive facial and body characterizations. Young children relate to the story of Little Blue Penguin and the vibrant colour and simplicity of the drawings displayed throughout the book. This is a book a child can grow with.

When Little Blue Penguin leaves the toy shop for a new home, he meets playmate, Becky. As his emotions change, he shines different colours into the world around him. Patricia’s and Jo-Anne’s combined creativity helps the reader to see the world from a ‘stuffy’s’ eyes. Journey into the pages of Little Blue Penguin and follow him from toy store to home, to a lonely lost and found box at the zoo. Will he ever find Becky again? What colours will he shine?

The following comments are what educators and librarians are saying about Little Blue Penguin:

“An adorable story with colorful illustrations, and educational for children too!” - Diane Ross, Children’s Librarian, Rocky Public Library (Alberta)

“A delightful story about one of the more unique Penguin's of the animal world. This children's read conjured up warm memories of a childhood favorite thing. How powerful and emotional a favorite stuffed animal or toy can be to a child.” - Mrs E. Wulff, Grade 1 Teacher (Alberta)

“I really enjoyed listening to you [Patricia Atchison] read your book to the children. I loved the way all the children understood the colours of LOVE and the way you made love understandable.” - Mrs. M Turner, Librarian (Alberta)

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About Wood Lily Publishers:

Wood Lily Publishers is a Water Valley, Alberta publisher specializing in children’s and young adult fiction.

Little Blue Penguin

Story by Patricia L. Atchison, Illustrated by Jo-Anne Jagers

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