

# Write What Inspires You! Newsletter

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## Welcome to the June/July 2010 issue Write What Inspires You!

Phew...another summer upon us. With having school aged children (Nicole-15 / Hayley-12) I always welcome the end of the school year. Even though I remain on schedule with writing/marketing and my virtual assistant position I find it a calmer pace without the endless schoolwork deadlines, art classes, and sporting events. And it helps the girls are certainly at an age where they are quite independent. My best laid plans are to write/market in the morning before the rest of the house rises and then tackle my responsibilities of a virtual assistant.

I'd enjoy hearing from you on my blog <http://www.donna-mcdine.blogspot.com> as to what your summer plans are to keep up your writing momentum. Stop by on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and join in what will sure be a lively discussion. I look forward to your visit.

I'm thrilled to announce my manuscript entitled, *The Hockey Agony* as been accepted by Guardian Angel Publishing. A bit of the journey...this ms was critiqued in the early stages by Suzanne Lieurance (CWCC) and my online critique groups and placed as Honorable Mention in the Writer's Digest 78th Writing Competition, then edited after the competition by Lea Schizas to assist in expanding the story since it was no longer under a word constraint from the contest. The ink is barely dry on the contract and I'm over the moon! Thank you to all who had a direct hand in making this dream come true!

Without further ado I present to you the June/July features author interviews with Beth Reinke and Margot Finke, and Contest Winner Announcement, and Book Review: *In My Bath* by Beth Reinke. Don't miss the additional goodies: Dynamic Media Release Service, First Book, Muse Online Conference, Newsletters, and Sponsor Ads.

If you are interested, please feel free to submit your name for an interview, an essay and/or your successes to: [dmcldine@optonline.net](mailto:dmcldine@optonline.net). Please share this newsletter with your peers in the writing industry and encourage them to opt-in as a monthly subscriber.

Wishing you ALL the very best!

Donna

## Quote of the Month:

*"Plant seeds all along the way. And don't fret about the how. Soon you will look up and you will find you have reached your goals."*

Dyan Garris ~ *The Book of Daily Channeled Messages*

**AUTHOR INTERVIEW – BETH REINKE**

Beth and I first met on the ICL chat boards and through the CWCC and now we are fellow members of Indie-Debut 2010. It has been a distinct pleasure watching Beth's writing career flourish.

**DMc:** Beth, you have several releases coming out. First, please share with us the inspiration behind *In My Bath* and how you found 4RV Publishing.

**BR:** Two things inspired me to write *In My Bath*. First was a picture book I remember reading that had a little girl sleeping in different animal beds. I liked the idea of a child "trying out" different ways animals do things.

The second thing was "silly sleeping friends," a special bedtime routine we did when my boys were little. I performed funny skits using their favorite stuffed animals - dogs, cats, a chipmunk, a dinosaur, an elephant, a manatee. Little boys using their imaginations at bedtime morphed into bath time and became *In My Bath*. Like the girl from the bedtime book, the child in my book imagines he's doing things animals do- in this case, water-loving animals.

I found 4RV Publishing by attending the Muse Online Writers' Conference that is held in October. I highly recommend this free conference to all writers.

**DMc:** Now the same for *Race Fans' Devotions to Go* and *Fruit Lovers' Devotions to Go* and how you found Extreme Diva Media.

**BR:** I learned about Extreme Diva Media years ago through some friends who wrote for EDM's online women's magazine, which at the time was called Simple Joy. While checking out the website, I discovered the "Devotions to Go" series, which is well-established with more than twenty titles. I loved the idea of a month-long devotional book women could stash in a purse and take anywhere. I asked myself, what topics do I know well enough to write about for a devotional book? Being a dietitian and a NASCAR fan, I chose fruit and racing.

**DMc:** How do the two publishing houses differ? Similarities?

**BR:** Both are independent publishers with dedicated, capable women as CEOs. I have enjoyed working with both houses and find that these small publishers work one-on-one with authors, patiently answering questions from a new author like me. The two publishers differ in that 4RV publishes books for all ages, while Extreme Diva Media publishes titles

exclusively for women. EDM's parent company of See Media is expanding into books for men and children, too.

**DMc:** Please share with us your current work-in-progress.

**BR:** In addition to writing articles about food and nutrition, I'm at different stages with two children's book manuscripts right now. One is a follow-up to In My Bath. The other is an ABC book, which new territory for me. I'm busy keeping up with my new website and blogs, too. My "Food & Faith" blog gives nutrition tips and "Beth's Book Basket" offer reviews of children's books, many from independent publishers.

**DMc:** What has been your best marketing tool to date and why?

**BR:** Hmm, I'm really not sure yet. I'm just beginning to promote and market In My Bath so I'll have to get back to you on that one!

**DMc:** A signature request I like to ask every author, illustrator, editor, etc., I interview is for the individual to share with us a tidbit from their lives that the reader will find either humorous or surprising. Beth, can you please share one with us?

**BR:** Friends who knew me "way back when" would never believe that I've become a loyal NASCAR fan. I watch the NASCAR Sprint Cup race every week. It's a great way to relax on Sunday afternoon, or sometimes Saturday night. Believe it or not, I was the champion of my fantasy NASCAR league in 2007. I love racing!

Learn more about Beth at: <http://www.bethbencereinke.com/>

Ginger's (illustrator) website: <http://www.gingernielson.com/>

4RV Publishing: <http://www.4rvpublishingllc.com/>

To order book from my website:

[http://bethbencereinke.com/user\\_images/1/cms/books.cms](http://bethbencereinke.com/user_images/1/cms/books.cms)

To order from 4RV Publishing: [http://www.4rvpublishingllc.com/Childrens\\_Books.html](http://www.4rvpublishingllc.com/Childrens_Books.html)

To order from Amazon: [http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/tags-on-product/0982588666/ref=tag\\_dpp\\_cust\\_edpp\\_sa](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/tags-on-product/0982588666/ref=tag_dpp_cust_edpp_sa)

To order from Barnes & Noble online: <http://search.barnesandnoble.com/In-My-Bath/Beth-Reinke/e/9780982588666/?itm=4&USRI=in+my+bath>

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**AUTHOR INTERVIEW - MARGOT FINKE**

I've been reflecting lately as to what children's authors strive to convey to their readers. And I've come to the conclusion that bringing the love of reading to the most reluctant readers is a major goal. Sit back, relax, and enjoy getting to know one hilarious children's author from down under, Margot Finke. **WARNING: DO NOT** under any circumstances be drinking a beverage while reading Margot's laugh out loud interview for your drink will surely splatter your keyboard and screen.

**DMc: Please share with our readers how you became a children's author?**

**MF:** When we first came to the US (Oregon) I wanted my three kids to remember their birth country, so every night I would point to the map of Aussie animals on their bedroom wall and say, "Pick an animal and I'll tell you a story about it." When I became a teacher's aide, I took the map to school and began telling classes about Australia and all the wonderful critters there. Eventually I had to write the stories down, because kids would complain that I kept giving different endings to the stories. I used to forget how I ended it the last time - duh!! So that's how it all started.

I had always written "stuff," but never seriously. Overnight, writing became my passion. I would get terrific ideas in the middle of the night, sneak out in the dark to the bathroom, where I kept paper and pencil, and scribble away so the ideas would not get lost by morning. As soon as my head hit the pillow my brain churned out story ideas. I lost a lot of sleep, but gained many cool story ideas.

When I bought a computer (my first PC) I was thrilled out of my mind. Like so many beginners, I was sure I would be published by next month. Eons of rewrites, rejections and frustration later, I finally made it. **YEA!!** Patience, rewriting and hard work are a writer's best tools. Throw in a little talent and luck, and you **WILL** get there eventually.

**DMc: What or whom inspired you to write with the reluctant reader in mind?**

**MF:** Oh, that was first-hand experience, mate. Our son, David, was a reluctant reader. Nagging, threats, bribes. . . nothing worked. Then I found the Hardy Boys series, chock full of the things his macho little heart craved. He read every one and begged for more.

I was determined to write "stuff" that would appeal to the "frog down the neck, gross underarm noises, and the wacky humor" boys loved. And I'd throw in a fast pace and some cool adventure as well.

My "Rattlesnake Jam"

<http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/restbcm8/Margot%27s%20Books.htm#books> does this for the picture book crowd,

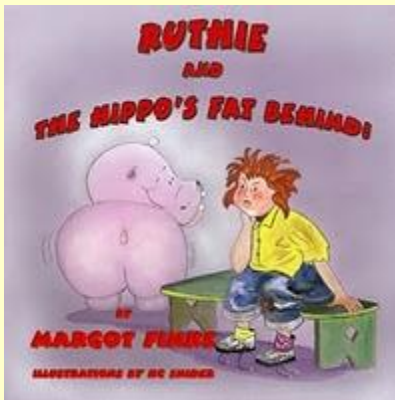
And coming soon is "Taconi and Claude, Double Trouble.

<http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/restbcm8/Margot%27s%20Books.htm#NEW>

This MG Aussie adventure is for boys, and takes place on a cattle station in the Queensland outback, near where I grew up. There's Taconi, a young aboriginal boy, trying to help his dad keep his job as station "cookie," and his chatty cockatoo, Claude - always ready with a succinct one-liner. A crazed emu makes Taconi a hero, while Dreamtime Spirits and a magical kingfisher feather add to his problems. All this is topped off by a humdinger of a Corroboree, and as much snake, goanna and witchetty grubs a boy can eat.

**DMc:** Please share with us your latest release(s).

**MF:** This is for girls. Told in rhyme, and lots of fun, as well as being a useful tool for parents and therapists who want to help children come to terms with big changes in their lives.



*Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind*

When Ruthie moved, she left all her friends and family behind. She left her old happy self behind too. She sulked, was rude to her parents, and threw tantrums. What had happened to their darling girl? Then, something unexpected surprised her, and the happy Ruthie returned. Find out what made Ruthie feel her old self again?

\*\*Parent-Teacher guide included

Sample Verse:

"Young Ruthie's mood changed overnight, her smiles slunk off in gloom.

She wouldn't talk to Mom or Dad. She refused to leave her room.

Her parents scolded, begged and coaxed, but Ruthie paid no mind,

Her moods grew big and ugly - like some Hippo's fat behind."

Author: Margot E. Finke <http://www.margotfinke.com/>



Illustrations: KC Snider <http://www.kcsniderart.com/>

\*\* Snider is a well known fine artist who regularly shows her work in galleries, as well as known for her book illustrations.

Print ISBN 13: 978-1-61633-059-0

eBook ISBN 13: 978-1-61633-060-6

Where to buy:

Guardian Angel Publishing (GAP)

Margot Finke - <http://www.margotfinke.com/>

\*\* A Personal Autograph comes with each hard copy bought from Margot's website + a bookmark.

SOON available from Amazon, B&N, Target and more.

TRAILER: <http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/restbcm8/Book%20Trailers.htm#slide>

**DMc:** I had the opportunity to read and review Rattlesnake Jam. Where in the world did you come up with such a hilarious story?

**MF:** That was on a particularly frazzled night. I crept into the bathroom and wrote it all down in one sitting. Maybe I shouldn't have had that extra glass of wine before bed. Or maybe I should drink MORE? Who knows? But Gran and Pa have great boy appeal, so that's a good thing. And it gave me the opportunity to find real honest-to-goodness rattlesnake recipes on the internet. Some of them are in "Gran's Kitchen" page:

<http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/restbcm8/Rattler%20Recipies.htm#recipy>

**DMc:** Beyond writing you offer a critique service. Please share with us what a writer should/would expect from your service.

**MF:** My Manuscript Critique Service, + lots of other help for new writers, can be found in the Website Directory on my home page: <http://www.margotfinke.com/> I offer personal guidance. This involves many comments, suggestions, and written examples where necessary.

I like to read a manuscript first, before I quote a set fee, because my fee depends on how much help a manuscript needs. This is something the client and I chat back-and-forth about, until we are both happy about what I propose + my fee. Clients can contact me any time during the process with questions.

Critique Details are listed under the heading of Picture Books + MG and YA Manuscripts.

There is a helpful "What to Aim For When Writing," article at the beginning of the page, and links to other writing help and advice. At the end of the page are payment and other instructions, plus Testimonials. Writers wanting to craft tighter stories could also read my "Musings" Column in the Purple Crayon, <http://www.underdown.org/finke.htm> and on my website, "The Secrets of Writing for Children," <http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/mfinke/Secrets.html#Sec>

Nothing makes my day more than hearing that one of my clients had their book published. A big "YEA!" moment indeed!!

**DMc:** A signature request I like to ask every author, illustrator, editor, etc., I interview is for the individual to share with us a tidbit from their lives that the reader will find either humorous or surprising. Margot, can you please share one with us?

**MF:** Oh dear, I can hear the skeletons in my closet rattling in anguish!! Hmmm. . .

Here goes: When I moved here some years ago, I discovered there was Aussie English, and then there American English. As a teacher's aide, in an upper midgrade class, I once asked if anyone could lend me a "rubber." In Australia, an eraser is called a rubber. My teacher friends (and a few knowing students), never let me forget that one.

Naked and blushing, I want to thank you for doing this really fun interview, Donna. I appreciate the chance to bring "Ruthie" into the limelight.

"Ruthie" is now available through Amazon (no cover yet):

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dus-stripbooks-tree&field-keywords=Margot+Finke&x=23&y=16](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dus-stripbooks-tree&field-keywords=Margot+Finke&x=23&y=16)

And through GAP too:

<http://www.guardianangelpublishing.com/ruthie.htm>

POWELS, the great Pacific Northwest bookstore, now also has "Ruthie" up online + cover:  
<http://www.powells.com/biblio/61-9781616330590-1>

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## HOW HAS BLOGGING INSPIRED YOUR WRITING? CONTEST WINNER: KRISTI BERNARD

When I think back on what I was doing before I made the commitment to really start my writing career, I can't remember a thing. I'm pretty sure I was being productive in one way or another, but I wasn't fulfilling my dream.

I read somewhere that writers have to build an online platform. The first logical step for me was to create a blog. Instantly I was hooked. Each of my blogs is very different from the other. At that point it had become official. I was a blogger.

After a while of blogging and providing weekly updates, I thought it was time to get busy writing my stories. I started reading other blogs. I started to absorb the writer's tips I came across. I started writing more every day.

I joined the Children's Writers' Coaching Club and The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. I started networking, entering writing contests and submitting manuscripts. I awaited my first rejection letter.

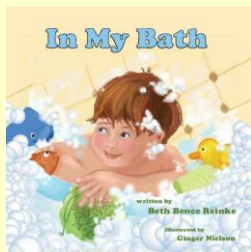
Currently, I am working on an e-book and a middle grade novel. I have attended workshops and have learned so much. I submitted a story to [www.smories.com](http://www.smories.com). My story Big Red was one of fifty to be accepted. Our stories will be read via video by kids.

If it hadn't taken the first steps to blogging and visiting other bloggers who offer such wonderful resources, I probably would have had a much slower start to becoming a writer.

Congratulations! Kristi's winning entry wins her: *You Can Write Children's Books* by Tracey E. Dils

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## BOOK REVIEWS



**Title:** In My Bath

**Written by:** Beth Bence Reinke

**Illustrated by:** Ginger Nielson

**Soft cover:** 24 pages



**Ages:** 4-8

**Publisher:** 4RV Publishing, LLC

**ISBN 13:** 978-0-9825886-6-6

**Published:** May 2010

**Price:** \$13.99

The scrub, splatter, swish, and splash in the tub are enjoyed through a young boy's clever imagination as water loving animals join in and bring the tasks of cleanliness to enjoyable heights. How can bathing with animal's work one may ask? Find out while you dip your feet into the pages of *In My Bath*. Prepare yourself to be soaked with laughter as the joys of the imagination come to life.

*In My Bath* is sure to become a nighttime ritual in preparing our young muses for the routines of bedtime.

Beth Bence Reinke is an author and registered dietitian. She writes children's books, devotional books and articles about food and nutrition. Beth's professional affiliations include The American Dietetic Association and The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She is also a member of Indie-Debut 2010, a group of first-time authors who help promote each other's books that hail from independent publishers. *In My Bath* is Beth's first children's book.

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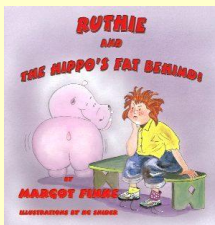
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Website: <http://www.gingernielson.com/>

Blog: <http://www.gingerpixels.blogspot.com/>

Publisher: 4RV Publishing <http://www.4rvpublishingllc.com/>

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**Title:** Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind!

**Written by:** Margot Finke

**Illustrated by:** K.C. Snider

**Soft cover:** 18 pages

**Ages:** 5-12

**Publisher:** Guardian Angel Publishing, Inc.

**Print ISBN 13:** 978-1-61633-059-0

**eBook ISBN 13:** 978-1-60633-060-6

**Published:** May 2010

**Print Price:** \$10.95

**eBook Price:** \$5.00

Much like "the elephant in the room" and in this case the hippo's fat behind, no one wants to acknowledge the sudden change in Ruthie's behavior and what to do about it. Told in perfect rhyme, *Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind!* explores one child's woes in moving. Once content and happy, Ruthie becomes unbearable to live with after her family moves clear across the state.

Determined not to accept her new home and surroundings, Ruthie embarks on a downward spiral of rude behavior towards all who cross her path, each day worse than the one before. Until the day an unexpected visitor pays Ruthie a visit. Will Ruthie accept this unconditional love or will she continue to self destruct? Find out today and purchase *Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind!*

Coupled with a Parent Teacher Guide *Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind!* provides the perfect opportunity to get our children and/or student's into a lively discussion of what change means to them and how they've handled it and what they can do to make transition easier in the future.

*Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind!* IS now available on Amazon

[http://www.amazon.com/Ruthie-Hippos-Behind-Margot-Finke/dp/1616330597/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&camp=s=books&qid=1276977787&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Ruthie-Hippos-Behind-Margot-Finke/dp/1616330597/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&camp=s=books&qid=1276977787&sr=1-1)

though the cover is not up yet.

Coming Soon to B&N and Target.

Become mesmerized by *Ruthie and the Hippo's Fat Behind!* in a cool book trailer @:

<http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/restbcm8/Book%20Trailers.htm#slide>

Author: Margot E. Finke <http://www.margotfinke.com/>

A Personal Autograph comes with each hard copy bought from Margot's website + a bookmark.

Illustrations: KC Snider <http://www.kcsniderart.com/>

Snider is a well known fine artist who regularly shows her work in galleries, as well as known for her book illustrations.



Overwhelmed? Don't have time to write and post your media releases. Let the panic settle and don't fret any longer. Let Donna take the pressure off. Writing a media release requires a certain technique and online media distribution can be quite time consuming. Coupled with her marketing manager experience at *Stories for Children Magazine*, Donna is uniquely positioned to help provide you with a top notch media release.

You'll discuss your good news and happenings to get a clear indication of your direction. Your valuable information will then be written into a dynamic media release. Even if you don't have publishing credits under your belt, announcing guest interviews or your topic of choice will help draw traffic and recognition to you and your writing blog.

Don't wait. Let Donna take the pressure off you today. References furnished upon request.

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<http://www.donnamcdine.com/dynamicmediareleases.html>

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VS Grenier has joined forces with First Book to help children find the love of reading and writing. Here is what Bonnie Johnson from First Book had to say about me joining their cause.

"First Book provides new books to children in need addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy - access to books. Since 1992, First Book has distributed over 65 million new books to children from low-income families in thousands of communities nationwide.

"Programs that serve predominantly children from low-income families can receive books from First Book and that is why VS Grenier has joined First Book in our fight to bring children their first book.

"First Book works with many different authors and/or publishers big and small! We are thrilled to be working with VS Grenier at First Book in our donation program. We have done similar donations and generally because First Book works with thousands of recipient groups across the country we try to find a group near an author and/or publisher that could benefit from a donation such as this."

However, getting a book into a child's hands is much harder than it sounds and so I need your help. You can help me bring a child their first book a few different ways.



1. Place an order for an autographed copy of Babysitting SugarPaw and 25% of the sale will go to books for First Book. Place your order at

<http://vsgrenier.com/BabysittingSugarPaw.aspx>

2. Buy and donate Babysitting SugarPaw to First Book. Once we reach the 100 book level, First Book will proceed in donating the books to a group in my local area where I get to personally hand each child their First Book. You can place your donation at

<http://vsgrenier.com/BabysittingSugarPaw.aspx>

3. Tell your friends about Babysitting SugarPaw and how I have joined forces with First Book in bring children their first book. You can use this announcement or parts of it on our blog, website, or social networks.

If you would like to know more about First Book please visit their website at

<http://www.firstbook.org>

To learn more about VS Grenier and her picture book Babysitting SugarPaw visit

<http://vsgrenier.com/BabysittingSugarPaw.aspx>

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If you missed the 2009 Muse Online Writers Conference be sure to visit

<http://themuseonlinewritersconference.com> to register for the 2010 conference. Deadline August 15, 2010. Don't miss out on this one of a kind conference. To be held October 11-17, 2010

Block out the week so you have the chance to snuggle into your most comfortable clothes and slippers. That way you are your most comfortable while navigating the cyberspace hallways of the Muse Online Writers Conference. Jammed packed with week-long workshops, lectures, pitch sessions, networking. You name it the Muse Online Writers Conference has it.

Check out the testimonials coming in for 2009 at:

<http://www.themuseonlinewritersconference.com/2009testimonials.htm>



Ever wish you had a go-to place to find all the latest children's literature give-aways on the web? Look no further! Lori Calabrese has started a new monthly meme (if there's enough interest, it might possibly become a weekly meme) in which she links to book giveaways around the Kidlitosphere and web.

If you are hosting a children's- young adult book-related giveaway, sponsoring a giveaway, or just found a really awesome giveaway that you'd like to share, please leave it at Fish For a Free Book! <http://loricalabrese.com/category/giveaways/fish-for-a-free-book-meme/>

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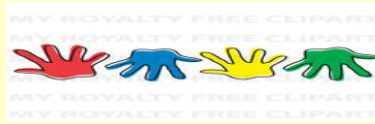
Looking for the latest children's literature news? Don't have time to scour all of the blogs out there (and we know there are a ton!), but would like to be pointed in the direction of some of the best articles and gossip?

Be sure to sign up for *The Book Bugz Newsletter* from [Lori Calabrese Writes!](#) *The Book Bugz Newsletter* flutters your way once a month and covers all of the latest children's book buzz-everything from the latest children's literature news, things happening throughout the Kidlitosphere, book reviews & recommendations, book giveaways, and tips for writers on writing and marketing.

Lori is so interested in what other writers and bloggers have to say. After becoming inspired from the wealth of information out there regarding children's books and children's literacy, she wanted to create a newsletter that not only highlights what's happening at [Lori Calabrese Writes!](#), but also highlights the recent news being talked about throughout the kidlitosphere.

The subscription is FREE and subscribing is easy. Just visit the *NEW!* [Lori Calabrese Writes! blog](#) and subscribe at the top right sidebar. Then we'll be buzzing about children's books in the November issue of *The Book Bugz!*

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## MOVEMENT AND RHYTHM NEWSLETTER

Attention all educators, home schooling parents, and librarians!

Kathy Stemke, Freelance Writer, Author, and Educator has a fantastic newsletter jammed packed with tips and activities your students and children will surely be thrilled to join in on. To become an opt-in subscriber today and to learn more about Kathy visit:

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[Lea Schizas](http://leaschizaseditor.com), is a multi-published and award-winning author and editor. Her commitment is to help you tighten your manuscript before it's submitted to agents or publishers. She will stick with your manuscript until we are both satisfied of the conclusion ~ <http://leaschizaseditor.com>

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Need A Manuscript Critique?

Do you have a wonderful story, but need a second pair of eyes to look it over?

VS Grenier will look for grammar, spelling, setting, plot, character development, and so much more. Critiques are designed to help us become better writers. We all need our stories looked at by others who have experience in the writing world. *VS Grenier was voted one of the Top Ten Editors ~ Preditors & Editors Readers Poll 2007. To find out more about VS Grenier's critique services visit: <http://vsgrenier.com/critiques.aspx>*

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