

## TALKING BOOKS SUMMER READING 2006

# PAWS CLAWS SCALES & TALES

**RC 58328 *The Bear Says North: Tales from Northern Lands*** retold by Bob Barton. Ten folktales from Scandinavian and other northern hemisphere countries. In "Good Neighbors" a family happily coexists with mountain trolls. In "Grandfather Bear" a fox tricks an old bear into dropping his dinner. For grades 4-7. 2003.



**RC 58039 *Henry and Mudge and the Wild Goose Chase: The Twenty-sixth Book of Their Adventures*** by Cynthia Rylant. Henry and his dog Mudge tangle with a grumpy goose when they visit a farm to buy fresh eggs and vegetables. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2003.

**RC 55607 *Shaper*** by Jessie Haas. Fourteen-year-old Chad hasn't forgiven his eccentric Vermont family for the accidental death of his dog. In the summer, he works for a neighbor who trains animals by using a clicker. Now Queenie, the new family pet Chad rejected, becomes the ideal candidate for his teaching skills. For grades 5-8. 2002.

**RC 59494 *Trouble is My Beeswax: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye*** by Bruce Hale. When a teacher, Mr. Ratnose, accuses student Shirley Chameleon of cheating on a test, she pleads with detective Chet Gecko to clear her name. This request leads Chet and his mockingbird partner, Natalie Attired, to investigate a cheating ring in their elementary school. For grades 3-6. 2003.

**RC 59180 *Rakkety Tam*** by Brian Jacques. Warrior squirrel Rakkety Tam leads Redwall Abbey into battle against Gulo the Savage, a bloodthirsty wolverine who will stop at nothing to recover the Walking Stone that will give him the authority to rule the lands of ice beyond the Great Sea. For grades 5-8. 2004.

## Further Furry, Feline, Finny Fables

**RC 58640 *Minnie and Moo: The Attack of the Easter Bunnies*** by Denys Cazet. Cow friends Minnie and Moo enlist the other farm animals to dress up as Easter bunnies and surprise the farmer's grandchildren. Easy chapter book. For grades K-3. 2004

**RC 57803 *The Lethal Gorilla*** by Paul Zindel. Amateur private investigators P.C. (Peter Christopher) Hawke and Mackenzie Riggs join Mackenzie's mother, who is the New York City coroner, on a case involving the murder of the Bronx Zoo's most famous zoologist. Villains include humans as well as wild animals. For grades 4-7. 2001.

**RC 57719 *Snakes Don't Miss Their Mothers: A Novel*** by M.E. Kerr. The creatures at the Critters animal shelter in East Hampton anxiously await Christmas and the possibility of new homes. Unfortunately, old mutt Irving is too big for adoption; Placido, the one-eyed Siamese cat, is too ornery; and Marshall, the snake, is too strange. But miracles do happen. For grades 3-6. 2003.



**RC 58398 *The Cat Who Went to Heaven*** by Elizabeth Coatsworth. Soon after adopting a lucky three-colored cat, a poor Japanese artist is hired to paint a masterpiece. The devoted pet watches patiently as the man draws the animals Buddha has blessed. At last he draws a cat and earns a special miracle. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 1930.

**RC 59206 *Rotten Ralph Feels Rotten*** by Jack Gantos. [Rotten Ralph begins to appreciate his owner Sarah's healthy home-cooked cat food after he gets sick from eating out of trash cans and has to go to the vet. Easy chapter book. For grades 2-4. 2004.

## Fun Facts



### **According to the Guinness World Records:**

The **oldest cat** ever living is Creme Puff, born on August 3, 1967 and turned 37 in 2004. Creme Puff lives with her owner, Jake Perry in Austin, TX.

The **smallest dog** living is a long-haired chihuahua called Danka Kordak Slovakia, who measured 5.4 in. tall and 7.4 in. long on May 30, 2004.

The **longest goldfish** measured 18.7 in. in March, 2003 in Hapert, The Netherlands.

## True Tales from the Animal Kingdom

**RC 58810 *Baby Dinosaurs: Eggs, Nests, and Recent Discoveries*** by Thom Holmes and Laurie Holmes. Describes how different kinds of dinosaurs hatched their young from eggs. Explains how scientists discovered fossilized eggs and studied them to learn about these prehistoric creatures. For grades 5-8. 2003.

**RC 59590 *Where are the Night Animals?*** by Mary Ann Fraser. Describes the nighttime activities of various nocturnal animals including the opossum, brown bat, and tree frog. For preschool-grade 2. 1999.

**RC 58441 *Where Fish Go in Winter and Other Great Mysteries*** by Amy Goldman Koss. A collection of poems that answer such simple science-related questions as "Where do fish go in winter?" "Why does popcorn pop?" and "How do birds fly?" Beginning reader. For grades K-3. 1987.

**RC 58120 *The Hidden Powers of Animals: Uncovering the Secrets of Nature*** by Karl P.N. Shuker. Explains wild and domestic animal behavior via scientific research on psychic pets, whale strandings, fainting goats, talking apes, homing horses, and waltzing worms, among other species. For senior high and older readers. 2001.

**RC 58859 *Aliens from Earth: When Animals and Plants Invade Other Ecosystems*** by Mary Batten. Explores how and why plants and animals enter ecosystems to which they are not native and the affect of these invasions on other animals and plants and even humans. Includes accounts of mosquitoes, killer bees, kudzu, and algae. For grades 3-6. 2003.

**RC 58496 *Moon, Have You Met My Mother?: The Collected Poems of Karla Kuskin***. Collection combining decades of poems focusing on animals, seasons, magical creatures, and self. For grades K-3 and older readers. 2003.

**RC 59204 *Birds: Nature's Magnificent Flying Machines*** by Caroline Arnold. Introduces the science of avian flight. Describes the flight anatomy of a wide variety of birds--their skeletons, wings, and feathers. Explains the mechanics of taking off, flapping, gliding, hovering, steering, and landing. Considers birds that cannot fly and some other animals that can. For grades 3-6. 2003.



## More Fun Stuff!

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