

Monkeys and Turtles and Frogs, Oh My!

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Dundas, Ontario, August 30, 2012 – When Lynne Kittredge-Fox first viewed the animal paintings of local Dundas artist Joan Krygsman, she knew immediately who to collaborate with on her next book. Lynne is the author of two children's books, *The Mighty Moon King* and *Meatball Love and the Spaghetti Tree*. Her third book, *The Jungle Valley Jamboree* is a combined effort between herself and Joan that features monkeys, turtles, frogs and other animals all teaming up to play music.

"The book is about animal's finding their own instrument, with each animal's sound contributing to the band's song," describes Lynne. "I've always loved Dundas, so the setting for the story just had to be in a valley!"

For the illustrations, Lynne turned to Joan Krygsman, a visual artist who trained at the Ontario College of Art and Design. Joan's colourful and vibrant creatures were a perfect match for the tale. Says Lynne, "Joan's artwork is amazing! Dundas should be proud to have such a talent living here."

The Jungle Valley Jamboree, due out in September, aims to follow on the success of Lynne's previous books. She has welcomed all the media attention, not just for herself, but to raise awareness for childhood literacy. So far Lynne has donated scores of books to libraries, hospitals and schools. She has read her stories at various bookstores around Hamilton, and is proud to be participating in the upcoming Telling Tales Festival at Westfield Heritage Village on Sunday, September 16th.

With three books behind her you might think Lynne would rest on her laurels. But don't look for her to kick up her feet and relax anytime soon. "I have lots of ideas coming to me all the time, not just for books but for other projects too. The combination of being creative and promoting childhood literacy at the same time is very uplifting for me," says Lynne. She plans to team up for a second time with musician and artist Tom Wilson for her next book, tentatively titled *The Grand Abyss Princess*.

Readings of *The Jungle Valley Jamboree* will be held in the fall at venues throughout the Hamilton area. The dates and locations will be announced on the author's new website, www.bookbus.ca.