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## **A Snake Searching For a Family Subject of New Children's Book**

Rebecca Kwiatkoski of Long Valley, combines both fictional experiences with factual information throughout her latest book, ***Bo's Pond***. In her new story, the author captivates young readers with beautifully-written prose and stunning photographs of Bo, the Northern Water Snake and his many pond friends around the water's edge. It can be hard to feel warm and fuzzy about a reptile but the author has succeeded in creating empathy for the lonely snake who is on a quest to find a family to call his own. Children will not only slither through the book's pages enjoying Bo's adventures but also learn many pond snake facts along the way. This brightly colored book is certainly one to spark children's interest, as well as their love for nature.

The release of **Bo's Pond** is very timely as October 21 is NATIONAL REPTILE AWARENESS DAY. A special day created to help promote education, conservation, and appreciation for reptiles.

The photographs throughout the book were taken by Mark Boe. Boe is a self-proprietor who resides in Long Valley, NJ and owns MAB Painting and Wallpapering. He enjoys the outdoors, camping, and using photography to capture nature's most beautiful treasures. Boe and his family share their home with their dog, Bella who can be seen in Kwiatkoski's first book, ***Harley & Heloise***. He can be reach at [boespond@comcast.net](mailto:boespond@comcast.net) [www.MABPainting.net](http://www.MABPainting.net) (201)-602-6504.

The book was designed by Jeanne Balsam of Milford. A lifelong love of animals shines through in all of Balsam's design projects as well as her writing and illustrations. To learn more about Jeanne's work, visit: [www.jeannebalsam.com](http://www.jeannebalsam.com)

A third grade teacher at Old Farmers Road School in Long Valley, Kwiatkoski has previously written three other children's books, **Harley & Heloise**, a canine rescue story, **Moose is Loose!**,

a rhyming picture book about a mischievous guinea pig, **and Paisley, You're Crazy!**, a counting book for early readers.

To order copies of **Bo's Pond**, send a check for \$15.00 (includes sh/h) Please make checks out to: R. Kwiatkoski. Send orders to: Rescue Reads, P.O. Box 103 Long Valley, NJ 07853