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### **Local Author Wins Literary Award for Children's Book**

Madison, Wisc. – Local children’s author Amy Recob will receive a Moonbeam Award for her recently published book *The BugaBees: Friends with Food Allergies*. Sponsored by The Jenkins Group, Moonbeam Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children’s books and their creators, and are judged annually by an expert panel of youth educators, librarians, booksellers, and book reviewers.

This year, the Moonbeam Awards attracted nearly a thousand entries from throughout North America and the English-speaking world. In September, judges announced gold, silver and bronze medalists in 36 categories, covering a full range of children’s book genres from picture books to poetry; holidays to health issues. At a special ceremony scheduled for October 10, 2009 in Charleston, West Virginia, medals will be presented to winning authors, illustrators and publishers from 32 U.S. states, 4 Canadian provinces, and 7 countries overseas.

*The BugaBees: Friends with Food Allergies* was inspired by Recob’s six-year-old daughter who is severely allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, and was published in May 2009 by Beaver’s Pond Press. This light-hearted story explores the daily routines of eight buggy friends as they face their respective food allergies with positivity and poise. BugaBee characters are based on the eight foods that account for 90 percent of all allergic reactions: peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, milk, soy, eggs and wheat. The captivating illustrations and clever rhyming verse help children learn to safely participate in everyday activities without feeling a sense of exclusion.

Copies of the book are available at Oompa Toys in Middleton, Barnes & Noble West Towne and online at [www.thebugabees.com](http://www.thebugabees.com).

Recob is a marketing communications professional in the Madison area, and lives in Middleton with her husband Scott and their two children, Mollie and Max.

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