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The Elephant Family Receives Nomination

The Elephants Tour England, the second book in the Elephant Family Adventure series has been nominated as a finalist in the 2009 New Mexico Book Awards for the Young Readers Book (to grade 3) category.

In *The Elephants Tour England* the Elephant family takes a bus tour to see the sights of southern England. They visit the Roman baths in Bath and visit Stonehenge. Then twins Harold and Penelope get on the wrong bus. Will Harold and Penelope be able to return their parents? Will Harold be forced to learn French? And can Mr. and Mrs. Elephant find a convertible to rent? It is an exciting English adventure for the whole family as children learn about English geography, history, and culture.

Ms. Eschberger said, "This is an enormous honor and complement. To have both books in the Elephant Family Adventure series receive nominations in consecutive years is quite an honor."

Beverly Eschberger enjoys writing books she would have liked to read as a child. She first met the Elephant family on her second trip to England at a pub in Bath and has made a lasting friendship with the entire Elephant family. She enjoys sharing sweets with Harold and Penelope, admiring art with Mrs. Elephant, and talking politics with Mr. Elephant. Her first Elephant Family Adventure book – *The Elephants Visit London* was a 2008 New Mexico Book Awards finalist for juvenile fiction and was a Mom's Choice Awards Silver Award winner. Her newest Elephant Family Adventure is *The Elephants in the Land of Enchantment* and sees the Elephant Family traveling to Albuquerque for their first trip to the United States. Ms. Eschberger lives in Tijeras, New Mexico, with her husband and son.

The New Mexico Book Awards honor great books from New Mexico and the Southwest. The Awards represent the best of Southwestern literature as judged by a distinguished panel of scholars and librarians. The Awards are underwritten by Albuquerque The Magazine, Borders, Sunbelt Shows/Fiery Foods, Printer's Press, LPD Press & Rio Grande Books, New Mexico Book Co-op, and New Mexico Humanities Council, the New Mexico Book Awards are sponsored by Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System and the Friends of the Albuquerque Public Library, Albuquerque The Magazine, Borders, Cygnet Press, Land of Enchantment Romance Authors, New Mexico Book Association, New Mexico Coalition for Literacy, New Mexico Humanities Council, New Mexico Poetry Tangent, New Mexico State Library, PageOne Books, Pen New Mexico, Portales Public Library, Printer's Press, ReadingNewMexico.com, ReadWest, Rio Rancho Public Library, Santa Fe Public Library, SouthWest Writers, Sunbelt Shows/Fiery Foods, WalMart at Zuni, and WordHarvest Writers Workshop.

About the Publisher: Artemesia Publishing is a small publishing company located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Currently with 8 titles in print, including *The Elephants Tour England*, the company publishes high quality books from select authors that will educate, inform, and entertain the reader. *The Elephants Tour England* is one of the titles published under the Kinkajou Press imprint of Artemesia

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