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Geophysicist Turned Artist to Illustrate Novel from Dog's Point of View

Artemesia Publishing announces the August 2009 release of Belle's Star, a youth novel by Farmington, New Mexico author Connie Gotsch. Written from a dog's point of view, Belle's Star empowers children ages 8 to 12 to build new lives after escaping bullying and abuse or other difficult situations.

Farmington artist John Cogan will illustrate this story of Belle's rescue from abusive owners by a spunky soccer playing girl named Darcy and her Aunt Ellen. They show her love, but Belle has never met a kind human. Darcy terrifies her. Other people and animals, including a cat, teach her about trust. Her adventures with these colorful characters help kids face painful issues.

An animal lover, Cogan will create black-and-white illustrations for each of the 14 chapters in Belle's Star, and a full-color image for the book's cover. Cogan is internationally known for his landscape acrylics, still life, portraits and wildlife images. He has been commissioned for works displayed at San Juan College in Farmington, NM and the Courthouse in Albuquerque. He shows work at El Prado Galleries in Sedona, Arizona; Galleries West in Jackson, Wyoming; and Southwest Galleries in Dallas, Texas.

To create the pictures for Belle's Star, he photographed real animals, including Connie Gotsch's dog, Kiri. Neighbors and friends served as models for the story's human characters. He came to art after earning a Ph.D. in atomic physics and working two years as a geophysicist. "The whole physical world is interconnected in a grand design," he says.

Author Gotsch recommended John Cogan to Artemesia Publishing to illustrate Belle's Star after she fell in love with his large acrylic painting of a deer eating a lunch belonging to a dozing hunter. "It was hilarious," she recalls. "I knew he was the man to illustrate Belle."

To pre-order or learn more about Belle's Star contact Artemesia Publishing at info@artemesiapublishing.com or 1-505-286-0892.

About the Publisher: Artemesia Publishing is a small publishing company located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Belle's Star will be the seventh title published by the company and the third title under the Kinkajou Press imprint. The company works to publish high quality books from select authors that will educate, inform, and entertain the reader. For more information about the company or our other titles please contact Mr. Habiger at the address above.