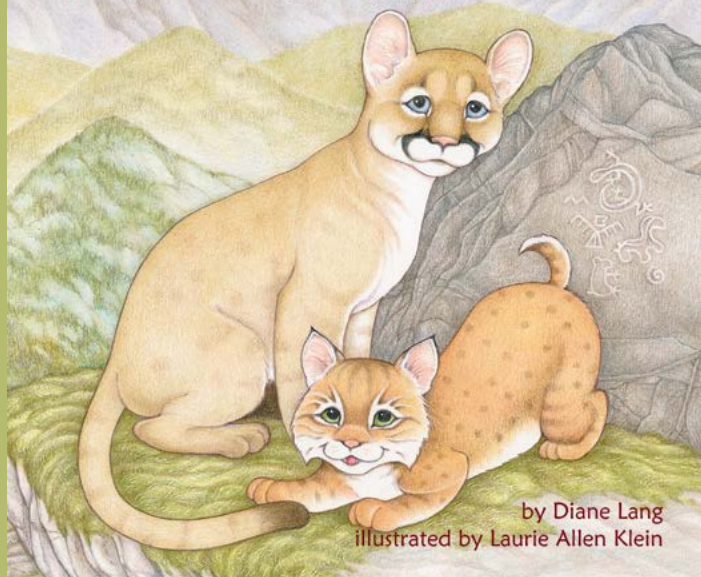


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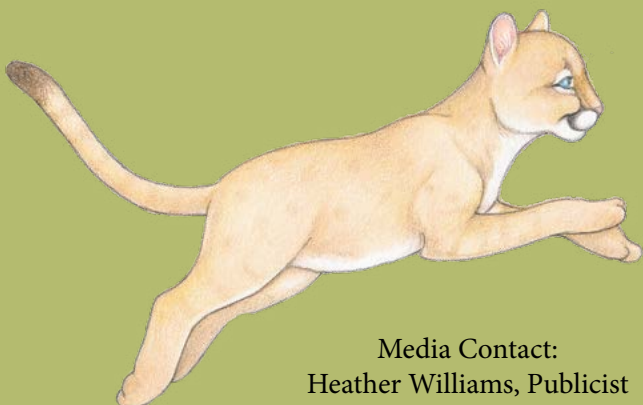
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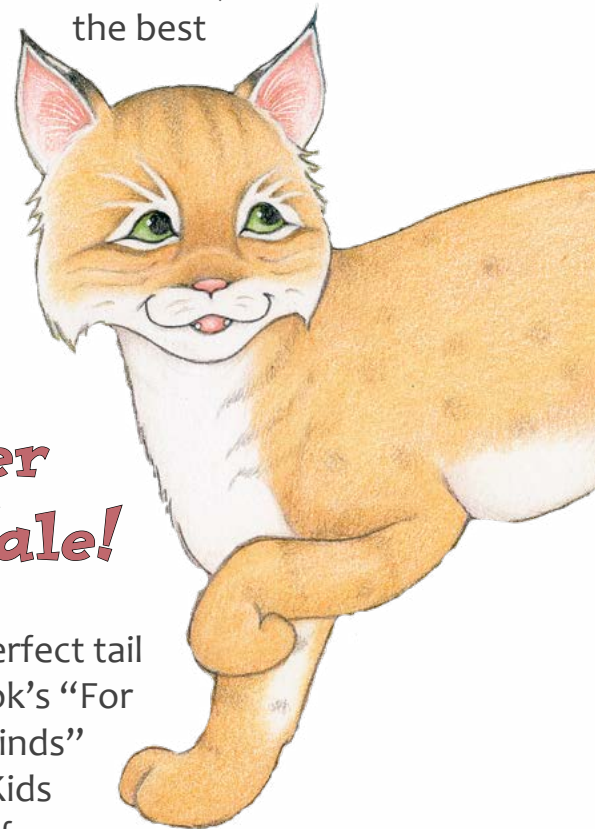
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Colo the cougar and her friend Ruff, the bobcat, jump and play together, but Ruff can't jump as far as Colo. Ruff doesn't have a long, swishy tail like Colo does, to provide balance on long leaps. Ruff's tail is much shorter. He is sure that something is wrong with him. Sympathetic, Colo suggests they find a tail that Ruff would like better, so off they go. As the two kittens explore the variety of tails worn by other animals, they make the best discovery of all.



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Get to Know the Author...



Diane Lang volunteers at two different nature centers where she gives programs and classes to share nature with young children-and that love of sharing nature led her to her writing picture books. In addition to authoring *The Long and Short Tail of Colo and Ruff* for Arbordale, Diane's other books include *Daytime, Nighttime, All Through the Year*; *Vulture Verses*, *Love Poems for the Unloved*, and *Fur, Feather, Fin: All of Us Are Kin*. Diane lives in California with her husband and several beloved pets-a gentle snake, two dogs, two tortoises, and two sweet tarantulas. Visit her website at www.dianelang.net.

...And the Illustrator



Award-winning illustrator Laurie Allen Klein has been a freelance artist for nearly 25 years. Over the last several years, she has worked as the on-staff artist for a marine park, where she does everything from painting life-size sea animal murals to illustrating children's activity books. Laurie has also illustrated *Dear Komodo Dragon*, *Saving Kate's Flowers*, *Balloon Trees*, *Fur and Feathers*, *The Ghost of Donley Farm*, *If a Dolphin Were a Fish*, *Little Skink's Tail*, *Meet the Planets*, *Solar System Forecast*, *They Just Know* and *Where Should Turtle Be?* for Arbordale. Laurie lives in Florida. See more of her artwork at www.lauriekleinarts.com.

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