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**NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK RELEASE: *Cathy's Animal Garden: Enter at your own risk***

Picture book gives children inspiration and tools to create unique flower gardens

**Title:** *Cathy's Animal Garden: Enter at your own risk*

**ISBN:** 978-1-934617-04-5

**Author:** Stacy Tornio, illustrated by Samantha Bell

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(St. Paul, MN) Alma Little, an imprint of award-winning independent publisher Elva Resa Publishing, is pleased to announce the release of *Cathy's Animal Garden: Enter at your own risk*, a picture book by Stacy Tornio and Samantha Bell.

When Henry's homerun ball lands in Creepy Cathy's yard, he and his buddy Andy go after it, despite their friends' warnings they might not come out. The boys search through Cathy's animal garden, discovering that things aren't always what they seem. The book's fun story and pictures introduce children to many different kinds of plants. An included flower guide and planting zone map help kids create their own animal gardens.

**About the Author and Illustrator**

Stacy Tornio's love of gardening and the fun of plants named after animals inspired her to write *Cathy's Animal Garden: Enter at your own risk*. Stacy is the editor of *Birds & Blooms* magazine and is also a Master Gardener, one of North America's most respected and recognized gardening honors. She lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with her husband and two children. Her favorite plants to grow include sunflowers, purple coneflowers, and cucumbers.

Illustrator Samantha Bell enjoys country living in South Carolina with her husband, four children, and lots of animals. Samantha has taught art to children for more than fourteen years. In addition to drawing and illustrating, she enjoys writing, especially for children. This is her first book.

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