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Bradenton Author Illustrates Rock-n-Roll Nostalgia with Release of 'Birthday' Children's Book

Bradenton, Florida - July 17th, 2009 – New local Bradenton author, Sandy Miles of Smiles Publications, today announced the release of her first, personally illustrated, lyrically nostalgic children's book titled, 'Birthday'. Miles acquired the license from Sony/ATV Publishing to use the lyrics from the iconic Beatles song bearing the same title for her book. The 'Birthday' book contains only the lyrics originally written by Paul McCartney and John Lennon; and all of the book's illustrations were created by Miles to complement to the story line.

Sandy Miles, author and illustrator of the 'Birthday' book, discussed her motivation for this project, stating, "I initially came up with the idea to create this children's book concept when I realized that, for me, many children's books can be very boring to read. I also felt like small children respond more to singing; at least my grandchildren do. So, I thought, wouldn't it be great to have a children's book where the words are familiar to the parents and grandparents and that could also be sung to children."

According to Wikipedia, the song "Birthday" was written mostly by Paul McCartney during a recording session at the EMI Abbey Road Studios on September 18, 1968 and performed by The Beatles on their eponymous double album 'The Beatles,' also known as the White Album. It is the opening track on the third side of the original LP and has been a well known "tune" for more than three generations including today's 'millennial' generational cohort, their parents and grandparents.

Miles went on to say, "I feel that this type of book will provide an opportunity to introduce the lyrics of the Beatles to a whole new generation. I also thought that this book would be a great birthday card to be given to adults and so it could be marketed to not only book stores but also gift stores. To me it is all about the words of the Beatles and less about my illustrations and I think that is how the marketing should be geared. If this book is somewhat successful, I plan to illustrate more books - most of them with lyrics by the Beatles.

The 'Birthday' book is the Miles' first release of new concept books geared toward parents, grandparents, Beatles fans and for special occasions and unique gifts. Available July 18, 2009 from publisher, AuthorHouse™, this whimsical book for kids of all ages will both relive memories of yesterday and create new generations of Beatles fans for today. This book is sure to become a well-loved favorite and new family tradition that will have everyone looking forward to their next birthday. Look for it in fine book stores everywhere or order online at Amazon, Borders or Barnes and Noble.

About the Author

Sandy Miles is originally from central New Jersey and relocated to the Bradenton, FL area in 1979. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Western Connecticut State University. Though, not currently working in the education field, she has volunteered for many years with various children's programs. Sandy's love of children (especially her 2 grandchildren- Lexi and Jordan) has inspired her to illustrate her first book, Birthday. For more information, please visit www.smilespublications.com

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