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More Wild Critters, More Accessible Poems In 'NEIGHBORS™ TOO', Just Released



NEW YORK, Jan. 17, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Poet George Held and children's book artist Joung Un Kim have collaborated on a second picture book for children, *Neighbors™ The Yard Critters TOO*. It refers to other animals one finds in a suburban yard, a country landscape, or a city street. The sturdy, museum-quality, and lavishly illustrated book is 12"x12" and can easily be shared by parents and children, as well as librarians and educators eager to explore poetry and nature with their young students.



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Kirkus Reviews: "...invites young readers to think about beings that share their world... In a few short stanzas, the poet describes both attributes and habits...leave it open on a table to display the art." And *The Midwest Book Review*: "... 'Neighbors' is an excellent blend of arts with much charm for young people as well as their parents, not to be missed."

A member of the executive board of the South Fork Natural History Museum, www.sofo.org, Held has a longstanding love of the natural world. He observes it for the children, calling the porcupine "this / walking quill /cushion" and explaining that the owl's "wisdom / resides in his talons."

Ms. Kim, artist, captures the essence of each animal, but in a collaged landscape of her own making. Here, bushes are made of latticework and the sky is burlap.

GEORGE HELD, a seven-time Pushcart Prize nominee, has published sixteen poetry collections. Other work appears in such publications as *Notre Dame Review* and *The Writer's Almanac* (Garrison Keillor). Educated at Brown, University of Hawai'i, and Rutgers, he was a Fulbright lecturer, and former professor at Queens College, CUNY.

JOUNG UN KIM is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design. She has Illustrated many children's books, including *The Grasshopper Hopped* [Random House] and *Hen Hears Gossip* [Harper Collins]. Agent: [Jane Feder](#).

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NEIGHBORS The Yard Critters TOO / by George Held / illustrations by Joung Un Kim / publisher: Filsinger & Company, Ltd. / price: \$20.00/hardcover / ISBN: 978-0-916754-26-6 / ages: 3-11+ / pages: 32 / publication: January 2013 / available: <http://www.amazon.com>, Baker & Taylor, Brodart, Follett, Little Marc Jacobs, BookHampton, Alexander Book Co [San Francisco].

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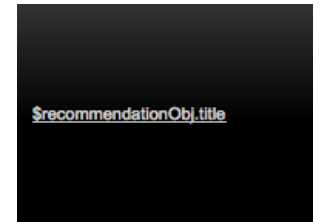
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