

News Release

An Earthworm Digs for His Life—and for Our Lives too!

From his first wiggle, *Earl the Earthworm* captures the attention of the youngest reader and won't let go. With *Earl the Earthworm Digs for His Life*, Green Sugar Press delivers a coming-of-age story of a simple earthworm

In this 32-page book geared toward children aged five to nine, *Earl* takes us deep into his world. From buzzing bees, working ants, tall prairie grass and an amazing tree, Earl explores his surroundings in a quest to answer the question: *What is it I do?* After near total exhaustion, rain starts to fall and Earl begins to dig. *Why does he dig? Nobody knows for sure, but if you ask Earl, he'll tell you his gut told him to.*

Author and environmental educator Tim Magner says, "Kids want to wonder, they want to imagine and most importantly, they want to be inspired. We took a small, simple earthworm and travel with him as he goes from confusion to greatness."

The storyline challenges young readers to learn how *Earl's* actions link to everything around him. We learn that, even without eyes, ears or bones, *Earl* helps make everyone else's lives better. Magical!

With thoughtful and compelling illustrations, *Earl the Earthworm Digs for His Life* is as engaging as it is inspiring. It's a gripping tale that includes brief notes on the bottom of each spread. These footnote facts, like how worms eat dirt and leaves without teeth (*Their gizzard, the stomach, grinds it all up and breaks it down*) or what the labor of bees does (*help produce 1/3 of the food we eat, including most fruit and vegetables*) keep more advanced readers entertained.

Early reviewer, Vicki L Stoecklin, M.S. Ed, Education & Child Development Director, White Hutchinson Learning Group, raves: "...a beautiful resource for teachers and parents who want to share the natural world with children. And The Green Mama, calls *Earl the Earthworm* "A must-read!"

Journalists: Tim Magner, also author of *N is for Nature* and *An Environmental Guide from A to Z* is available for interviews.

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Special features: a *Words We Know* glossary and a primer on composting with worms.

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