



Alexandria Township's Woodlands Wildlife Refuge announces 'Broke Leg Bear' book wins award

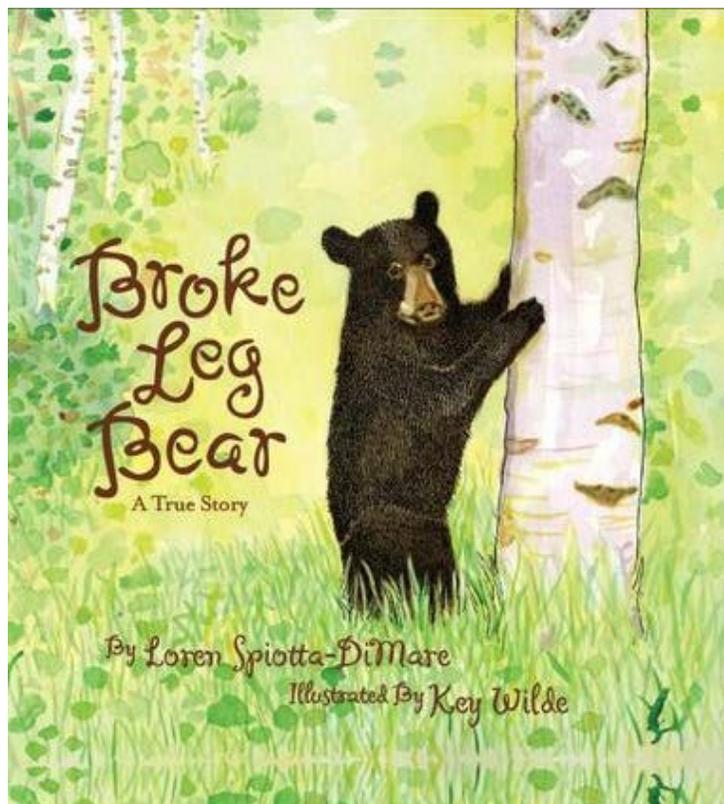
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Woodlands Wildlife Refuge. The hard-

covered book was written by New Jersey children's book author, Loren Spiotta-DiMare of Tewksbury and beautifully illustrated by illustrator and performance artist, Key Wilde of Pittstown. The book also features an endorsement by renowned wildlife advocate Dr. Jane Goodall.

Tracy Leaver, founder and executive director of Woodlands, said "We are so honored to have this recognition for our book. This is a story that not only entertains and engages both children and adults, but also helps them to think critically and deeply about conservation issues. It provides an opportunity for important discourse and reflections--especially pertaining to NJ's wildlife, the importance of protecting our environment, outdoor safety and the power of simple acts of kindness."

USABookNews.com, the premier online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses, announced the winners and finalists of The 2012 USA Best Book Awards on Nov. 16. More than 400 winners and finalists were announced in over 100 categories from a total of 1500 entries from both mainstream and independent publishers.

Copies of the book can be ordered by calling 908-730-8300, ext. 8 or online at woodlandswildlife.org/store.htm. Books are \$18, plus shipping; 9" plush bears are also available, at \$12.

Woodlands Wildlife Refuge is a nonprofit charity that receives no state or federal funding; all proceeds from the sale of the book support the work of caring for approximately 900 wild animals each year.



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