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Artemesia Publishing's Authors Honored

Beverly Eschberger and Connie Gotsch have been selected to speak at the second annual New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival in September, 2009. They join 64 other women authors from New Mexico who will speak and read at the event. The festival celebrates the joy of reading and the creative power of women writers in New Mexico.

Beverly Eschberger is the author of *The Elephants Tour England*, the second book in the Elephant Family Adventure series. This series features the adventures of the Elephant Family as they travel the globe. The series teaches children that travel to new places can be fun and exciting, while exposing them to new cultures.

Beverly Eschberger enjoys writing books she would have liked to read as a child. She first met the Elephant family on her second trip to England at a pub in Bath, and has made a lasting friendship with the entire Elephant family. She enjoys sharing sweets with Harold and Penelope, admiring art with Mrs. Elephant, and talking politics with Mr. Elephant. Her first Elephant Family Adventure book – *The Elephants Visit London* was a 2008 New Mexico Book Awards finalist for juvenile fiction and was a Mom's Choice Awards Silver Award winner. Ms. Eschberger lives in Tijeras, New Mexico, with her husband and son.

Connie Gotsch is the author of *Belle's Star*, a novel for young adults that empowers young people who have escaped abuse and bullying to build new lives. The book features Belle, a young healer mix and is written in the first person from Belle's point of view. Belle thinks no human is worth trusting, but a young girl named Darcy and her family and their pets, including a cat, try to show Belle otherwise.

Connie Gotsch has published two other award-winning adult novels. In 2007 she received the New Mexico Press Women's Communicator of Achievement Award. She holds an Ed.D in Leadership and Policy Studies with an emphasis on educational media from Northern Illinois University, and works in public radio. She lives in Farmington, New Mexico.

About the Publisher: Artemesia Publishing is a small publishing company located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Currently with 7 titles in print, including *The Elephants Tour England* and *Belle's Star*, Artemesia Publishing works to publish high quality books from select authors that will educate, inform, and entertain the reader. *The Elephants Tour England* and *Belle's Star* are the latest titles to be published under the Kinkajou Press imprint of Artemesia Publishing. For more information about the company or our other titles please contact Mr. Habiger at the address above.

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