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Local Artist/Art Teacher Illustrates New Children's Book

Cheryl Bielli Illustrates Children's Book Released Through Crave Press

Leesport, Pa. – Local artist and art teacher Cheryl Bielli illustrated the children's book *The Boy Who Never Threw Anything Out* which was released September 6; it is currently available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, IndieBound, and the Crave Press website.

“In a house on a street in the middle of town
Lived a boy named Tommy whose room could be found,
To hold more stuff than a person should keep,
If he wants to be able to walk in his sleep.”

So begins the story of *The Boy Who Never Threw Anything Out* about a packrat named Tommy who becomes trapped in his bedroom because he can't bear to part with his old stuffed animals, books and toys – even the broken ones – and they pile up around him.

In rhyming prose, Tommy's parents help him realize the solution lies in donating toys and clothes to others and recycling what can't be reused. The story teaches important lessons in giving and sustainability with humor and wacky, over-the-top scenes. Colorful, comical illustrations will delight children and charm adults, especially those with their own packrat in the family. A hidden-picture page at the end allows readers to find concealed objects among Tommy's clutter.

Cheryl Bielli is an art teacher and artist in the Southern Adirondacks of New York State and operates Mrs. B's Petite Galerie & Studio. She is also a UAlbany alumna. Cheryl has illustrated for regional publications in Florida, New York, and Pennsylvania as well as national trade publications and tabloid magazines. She has been drawing since she was a small child, and making messes for even longer.

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