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### **Local Author Releases First Book**

*Margie Peterson Releases First Children's Book Through Crave Press*

Leesport, Pa. – Author and local resident Margie Peterson's children's book *The Boy Who Never Threw Anything Out* was released September 6; it is currently available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, IndieBound, and the Crave Press website. This is Peterson's first book.

“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.

Margie Peterson was born in Elyria, Ohio, the daughter of two writers, and grew up in Ramsey, N.J. She graduated from University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in English and worked in journalism in Washington, D.C. and Pottsville, Pa., before settling with her husband in Salisbury Township, outside Allentown, Pa. She toiled in newspapers while raising two children and later became a freelance writer.

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