

BY NANCY A. MOORE

Outstanding Oklahoma Talent

This month's column features only Oklahoma authors and inventors. We like to give priority to our "loyal locals," but this month, we want them to be our focus. All of the featured products are, of course, 5 Hearts – A Must Have! And, good news...they are available for appearances in local schools and libraries. Please see their individual Web sites for contact information.

ASSASSIN
by Anna Myers
(Walker and Company,
September 2005)
Price: \$16.95
Age Range: 12 and up

Her newest book is a well-written, fascinating account of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln from the perspectives of John Wilkes Booth and Arabella Getchel, Bella for short. "The research for this book was more fun than the research for any other book I have written. I became fascinated with the Booth family. Everything about Booth, the Lincolns, and the war is historically accurate. Only Bella is made up," Myers said. The story truly captures the strong emotions Wilkes had for Lincoln. In the book, Wilkes notes, "The democrats had nominated General George B. McClellan, and at first I had hopes that he might win. My hatred for the man Lincoln had grown as big as my love for the South, bigger perhaps. Lincoln won reelection by an electoral vote of 212 to 21, and a popular majority of more than 400,000 votes. The North was filled with fools! I drank for two days not leaving my hotel

room." Myers also commented, "I loved learning about John Wilkes Booth, who was in so many ways a wonderful and talented person. He threw it all away because of a twisted hatred." Anna Myers is an award winning author of over a dozen books.
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BABY BEE SAFE
Laurie & Terry Boyne
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While watching a news report about the tragic death of a child who was left in a closed car, Laurie and Terry Boyne discussed the need for some type of device to help parents and caregivers remember



their child was in the car. After some brainstorming and sketching out ideas with the help of family and friends, they designed a simple, effective reminder concept, then set about developing a prototype and applying for a patent. The Baby Bee Safe™ Child in Car Reminder System is the result of that creative effort.

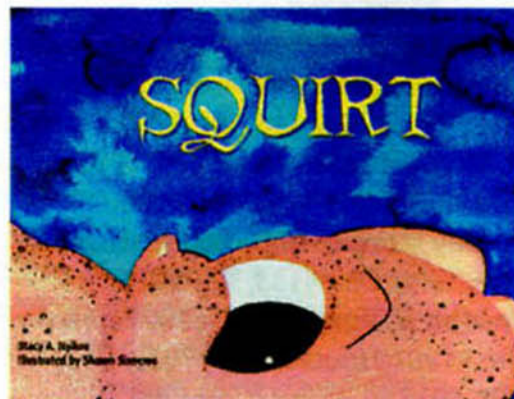
The large tag is attached to the

child's car seat when it is unoccupied. The tag is then clipped to the parent or caregiver's key ring when the child is placed in the car. The Baby Bee Safe™ tag is so large that when you remove your keys from the ignition you can't place the keys in a pocket or purse without noticing it. The Baby Bee Safe™ serves as a visual and tactile reminder that your child is in the car. The system can also be used by those with elderly parents in adult day care who want to ensure their parents aren't left in a day care van. It's a simple, affordable tool that will reassure parents and caregivers by providing an extra measure of protection for their children. The Baby Bee Safe™ device is currently available at Kathleen's Kids in Tulsa and Send Sational Baskets and Gifts in Sapulpa.



SQUIRT
By Stacy A. Nyikos and
Illustrated by Shawn Sisneros
(Stonehorse Publishing,
June 2005)
Price: \$15.95
Age Range: 3-8

Our parent reviewer commented, "Thank you so much for such a fantastic book. Not only



is the message great (and timely, as my daughter prefers to sit and watch T.V. to playing outside), but your storytelling is wonderful, and Shawn did a beautiful job on the art. I am looking forward to your next book!" Nyikos writes in a clever rhyming manner that is very fun to read. This story is about a little squid, named Squirt, who watches too much T.V. One day, when the T.V. goes out, he is confronted with the dilemma of how to spend his time. Through a colorful "ink" display of emotions, he learns how to use his imagination to create the story he was once so interested in watching on T.V. Readers will also have the opportunity to learn from the interesting factual information about squid at the end of the story. For example, did you know that squid can fly above water? While working on the illustrations, Sisneros visited the Oklahoma Aquarium. "I practically became one of the aquarium's exhibits," he said. It took fifteen months to complete the illustrations for the book. In our opinion, it was time well spent. This is the first in a three book series, with each book focusing on "every day kid issues." Be sure to look for it when visiting the Oklahoma Aquarium as it is a featured book.

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MY MASTERPIECE
Made by Tobin Peterson
Price: \$24.99

Age Range: 1 year and up
QVC selected this idea as one

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