

BookScene

'Squirt' author to sign book

► The children's book teaches about undersea life with entertaining adventures.

Tulsa author Stacy Nyikos will sign copies of her book "Squirt" (Stonehorse Publishing, \$15.95) from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Borders-Midtown, 2740 E. 21st St.

Squirt is a young squid who can change colors, squirt ink, blast through the waters with his jet-propelled tentacles and imagine himself as a swash-buckling, pirate-dueling, storm-defeating sea captain.

And in the book, he does all that — with the help of a kitchen spoon.

As kids read the adventures of this energetic cephalopod, they will learn about squid and their cousins: octopus, nautilus and cuttlefish.

The last pages of the book are filled with those facts called "squid squirts."

The book is featured at the Jenks Aquarium.

Nyikos is an award-winning academic writer, musician and mother of two. She began writing children's literature two years ago.

The book's illustrator is Tulsa Shawn Sisneros. Originally from Maxwell, N.M., he traveled to Tulsa for his undergraduate school work, received a bachelor's degree from the Art Institute of Chicago and returned to Tulsa to show his work. He opened a gallery in April.

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Hills, 1902 E. 71st St., is fast approaching.

Two full days of writing workshops taught by seasoned professionals await writers of all levels and interest.

The organizers want to create an environment where writers can connect with peers to improve their work and hone the skills needed to get published.

Every session will be in a relaxed atmosphere to stimulate personal growth, openness and a renewal of the energy that drives writers to create lasting impressions with words.

Successful writers will offer proven techniques and tips for every attendee.

Host for the workshop is New York Times best-selling author and longtime Tulsa William Bernhardt.

Other popular Oklahoma authors/instructors will include Carolyn Hart, Marcia Preston, Hannibal Johnson, Barry Friedman, Anna Myers, Karen Crane, and KJRH, channel 2, news anchor Karen Larsen.

For registration information and workshop details, go to www.heartlandauthors.com or contact Jodie Nida at HAWKPub@cox.net or 496-2620.