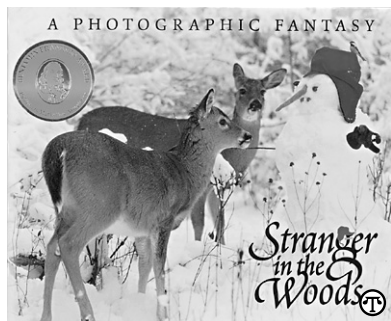


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Stranger in the Woods: A Snowballing Success™



The interaction between woodland creatures and a snowman has inspired an award-winning book, movie and soundtrack.

(NAPSA)—Number one New York Times bestseller, *Stranger in the Woods* by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick is a heartwarming story of the animals' reaction to a snowman that magically appears in the woods after a winter storm.

Professional wildlife photographers Sams and Stoick, of Milford, Michigan, wrote, photographed and self-published the book. *Stranger in the Woods: The Book, The Movie* and *The Soundtrack* have earned nineteen awards including the 2002 Early Childhood News Awards, the 2001 International Reading Association Award and the Benjamin Franklin Award. Captivating photography and the magical tale of a snowman has taken the country by storm selling more than 840,000 books since its release.

A movie based on Sams and Stoick's delightful book, blends live video footage with original

music. It was one of four finalists in the 2002 Wildscreen Panda Awards in Bristol, England. The movie competed with films from the BBC, Discovery and Japanese Television for the best in children's programming.

The movie was previewed by children ages four to ten in schools before its release. They laughed throughout the entire movie. According to the authors, one of the biggest honors came from Daggett Elementary in Daggett, Michigan. "All 101 students in the school performed in a play based on the book. They dressed up like the animals, sang the songs...it was really special."



Book reviewer Richard Fuller feels *Stranger in the Woods* should be read by children and adults. "The book delivers a quiet message," Fuller wrote. "That message is that there is more to living than greed and power. We share our planet with others and the others don't always walk on two feet."

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