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Bugs Win Quality of Life

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Homegrown talent is behind the latest phenomenon in children's books 'The Gratitude Bugs'. Created and written by Kingston native Jackie Jones (*nee Lameront*), 'Sam Meets Caterpillar Kaleb' has recently received the *Quality of Life Omnimedia Best of 2008* book award.

"I was thrilled when the book was nominated and overjoyed when it won! I am grateful to receive such an honour," said Jones of her recent achievement.

Sam Meets Caterpillar Kaleb is a delightful story of friendship, acceptance and gratitude that inspires children of all ages to appreciate and love themselves, along with their neighbours in celebration of their differences. Children relate well to the story and experience an intensely beautiful character development.

"Teachers find G-Bugs the perfect tool for their character education program. Truly, every school should stock this inspirational and educational book for their values, religion, and language arts programs" said **Parents & Kids Magazine Editor-In-Chief, Maria Komljanec.**

The previous 3 years has seen the award presented to well-known author Robert Munsch. Although Quality Of Life is the first to officially recognize the book with an award, the story has received accolades from school children, librarians, teachers, administrators and even **Co-Author of "Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul," Janet Matthews.**

"Not everyone realizes that one of life's greatest blessings is the feeling of gratitude. To feel gratitude is a choice that generates happiness and allows many more good things to come into your life," says Matthews.

Now a grandmother of eight, Jones has been busily visiting classrooms to share her story with children, teach them the importance of gratitude and inspire them to read and write their own stories. *"Like people, each character in the series has a 'quirk' that makes them unique. It's their attitudes towards their differences that makes them and their story special,"* says the Author.

St. Lawrence College Alum Mike Muxlow, the book's editor, describes G-Bugs as *"A great concept that kids and adults from all walks of life can read, share and enjoy together. It has been a absolute pleasure helping to bring such a great story to life"*.

In addition to being a feel-good story full of bright illustrations, morals and life lessons, 'G-Bugs, Sam Meets Caterpillar Kaleb' is 100% Canadian and Jackie has already indicated that a percentage of profits from book sales go to help sick and abused children around the world. Currently, the book 'G-Bugs, Sam Meets Caterpillar Kaleb' has been shipped to several countries across the globe and is available in Ontario at Chapters in Kingston and Barrie, and online at www.g-bugs.com.