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***DUCKEY AND THE OCEAN PROTECTORS RECEIVES THUMBS UP
FROM THE MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW AND SAVE OUR SEAS
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OAK BROOK, Ill (March 31, 2009) – The newly released oceanic adventure, [“Duckey and the Ocean Protectors,”](#) by John Sexton and Katie Gutierrez and illustrated by Maciej Zajac, continues to garner praise. Most recently, the book earned a favorable review from the Midwest Book Review and the conservation organization, Save Our Seas. This is in addition to the new endorsements as well as the book’s inclusion in the [National Environmental Education Weeks’ “Green Reading”](#) list for 2009.

“We are all thrilled that Duckey and his team of Ocean Protectors are being welcomed with open arms among reviewers, educators and marine enthusiasts,” said Sexton. “It’s critical that we bring awareness to the plight of the world’s oceans but also just as important is the underlying message of the story – that with encouragement and support, kids today can do anything if they discover their talents hidden within themselves. It’s our job as parents, teachers and adults to mentor and foster that. If a duck afraid of water can take the plunge, so can we.”

The [Midwest Book Review](#) proclaims, “Hydrophobic and duck aren't two words that should go together. ‘Duckey and the Ocean Protectors’ is a novel aimed at the late elementary school audience, complimented with beautiful artwork from Maciej Zajac. The diamond of the ocean has been stolen, and King Neptune needs it found, lest the ocean and all of the creatures of the Earth wither and die. A force of creatures band together to find it, but what they may need to succeed lies in the hands of a hydrophobic duck called Duckey. ‘Duckey and the Ocean Protectors’ is sure to entertain many a young reader.”

“Duckey and the Ocean Protectors” by John Sexton is a fun way to show young readers that they can make a difference to protect the oceans,” said Captain Paul Clark, president of [Save Our Seas](#). “We really liked the bright illustrations. It is books like these that can help us create a new generation of Ocean Protectors. Mahalo for your inspiring work!”

“Duckey and the Ocean Protectors” recounts the adventures of a group of misfit creatures who are tasked by King Neptune to save the ocean, which is about to go dark forever. Along the way, they have to fight their way through toxic waste dumpers and armor-clad sharks as they each confront their inner fears, banding together to reach their common goal and live their credo: “Believe it. Achieve it.”

In an effort to encourage people to act on this theme, the Society of Children’s Book Writers member and his publisher, [Writers of the Round Table Press](#), have announced a new Youth Eco-Essay Contest to help children express, through words, ways to help conserve and save the oceans. A Teacher’s Kit is also available to complement the book.

The Midwest Book Review review will also be made available to school and community librarians throughout Wisconsin's public school systems and community librarians. The review has also been provided to the Cengage Learning, Gale interactive CD-ROM series “Book Review Index.”

More information about the book and essay contest or to download the Teacher’s Kit, visit www.duckeyops.com.

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