

Publicity House
1088 Colton Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
408-314-9308

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAY 2008

CONTACT: publicist@HarryPotterParody.com

HARRY POTTER PARODY RECEIVES TOP HONOR FROM NATIONAL INDIE EXCELLENCE 2008 BOOK AWARDS.

SUNNYVALE—Publicity House is proud to announce that their title was awarded the Indie Excellence 2008 Book Award, which honors outstanding books by independent publishers across the nation.

Henry Potty and the Pet Rock: An Unauthorized Harry Potter Parody (ISBN: 978-1-59594-088-9, WingSpan Press) by Valerie Estelle Frankel won as best “eBook Fiction.” The paperback version of the novel has also won many awards, most recently in *USA Book News* National Best Books 2007.

The plot is a witty, absurd send-up for both children and adults: Catastrophe strikes Chickenfeet Academy, and it’s not just the cafeteria food. Lord Revolting, murderous goldfish-flusher, needs Really Wimpy’s pet rock to conquer the world! While battling him with squirt guns and cheesy how-to guides, Henry Potty aces Hobology, preps for *America’s Funniest Fairygodchildren*, and tries to avoid laundering Professor Snort’s dreaded hankies, or worse, watching *A History of Cabbages* in Polish. All the while, the least likely character watches, coveting the pet rock for her own sneaky agenda. What part does Socks the parrot, wisecracking pet of Headmaster Bumbling Bore, play in all this? Will Revolting dare the ultimate villainy and spoil the book? Will this novel waste an entire morning? There’s only one way to know...

“I’m so excited,” said author Valerie Estelle Frankel. “I had *finally* sent the sequel to the publisher only two days before, so this was a really overwhelming moment. I’m so glad I’ll be at Book Expo America for the presentation.” This sequel, *Henry Potty and the Deathly Paper Shortage*, will arrive in bookstores everywhere July 2008.

Valerie Frankel was the youngest person ever to receive a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from San Jose State University, where she currently teaches Composition. Her many short stories have appeared in over seventy magazines and anthologies.

###

“A spoof like no other I’ve ever seen in literature: you will chuckle and laugh until your belly hurts.”
–Reader Views

“Like reading The Harry Potter Series through warped glasses” –*Vox Magazine*

“I haven’t laughed out loud so much since reading *Bored of the Rings*.” –*Reader’s Robot*

“Children of all ages (including adults) will enjoy this hilarious parody!” –Kathy Boswell, President, Reviewers International Organization (RIO)

For an interview, please email publicist@HarryPotterParody.com.

More about Valerie Estelle Frankel and the Henry Potty Series can be found at
www.HarryPotterParody.com