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Local author's children's book teaches safety lesson, wins Mom's Choice Award®

SLIDELL, LA—"Three Little Shrimp," a children's picture book that aims to teach children the safety of staying with a group, has been named a Mom's Choice Awards® Silver Recipient.

"Three Little Shrimp," by local author and educator J. Steven Spires and illustrated by Jonathan Caron, has been recognized as one of the best family-friendly media, products and services by the Mom's Choice Awards®. Released in 2013 by Spires, in conjunction with Inspired Books Publishing, "Three Little Shrimp" tells the tale of three prawns who swim away from their troop in search of adventure. The three young shrimp find themselves in dangerous waters inhabited by unseen predators who are looking for a tasty meal. Woven into this tale of wandering shrimp and predators is a more important lesson in safety.

Spires explains that children can become so mesmerized by the wonders around them that they put themselves in danger without knowing it. "My hopes are that sharing the three little shrimp's adventure will inspire parents to have a question-and-answer dialogue with their children in a way that actively engages them in understanding, not only shrimp predators, but the need for parent supervision," Spires said.

J. Steven Spires is a veteran third grade teacher in Slidell, Louisiana. Although "Three Little Shrimp" is his first published book, J. Steven has been a writer most of his life. His love for writing has inspired over 400 elementary students in the 25 years he has been a teacher. He and his wife, Eve, reside in Slidell with their five children.

The Mom's Choice Awards® is a globally recognized program that evaluates products and services created for children and families. For additional information regarding the Mom's Choice Awards® visit www.momschoiceawards.com.

"Three Little Shrimp" is available online at <http://jstevenspires.com> or at select local bookstores.

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