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Presenting *Hairy, Scary, but Mostly Merry Fairies!* *Curing Nature Deficiency through Folklore, Imagination, and Creative Activities*

"The world needs more fairy houses, and more books like this one. *Hairy, Scary, but Mostly Merry Fairies!* will enchant young readers and is sure to inspire creativity in nature." —Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*

Montgomery, Ala.: *Hairy, Scary, but Mostly Merry Fairies!* takes the reader on a "Peter-Pan-Neverland-style" journey that inspires a strong connection to nature, whether it be a back yard, farm, forest or public park. Author Renee Raney believes that every child deserves his or her own personal landscape in which to seek adventure and unleash creativity. Her new book is a kind of handbook on how to get there.

Hairy, Scary combines fairy stories and folklore with nature activities intended to inspire a respect for our natural world while stimulating creativity in the way we relate to it. It's both a resource for those wanting to do more in the great outdoors and a guidebook to getting closer to the fairy magic that inhabits it. It provides specifics on building "fairy houses" and much more. Included is a list of fairy-related books and resources for teachers and educators that explain how the projects fulfill curriculum objectives.

Author Renee Simmons Raney is a bit of a fairy herself. The Director of the Conservation Education Institute of the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust, she has presented many award-winning environmental education programs, and developed fans for her storytelling and fairy workshops at home in the United States and internationally.

Of the book, Twig C. George, author of *Pocket Guide to the Outdoors*, says, "A great way of encouraging kids to get out and really look at their natural world."

Hairy, Scary, but Mostly Merry Fairies! will be available in March through your favorite local or online retailer, or from NewSouth Books, 334-834-3556, www.newsouthbooks.com/hairyscary. Trade paper; ISBN: 978-1-58838-328-0; 128 pages; \$15.95. Ebook ISBN: 978-1-60306-421-7.