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## **COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO, CREAK, POP-POP, MOO CELEBRATES LIFE ON A FARM**

New York, NY—**COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO, CREAK, POP-POP, MOO** by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by Brad Sneed (April 1, 2012/ISBN: 978-0-8234-2356-9/\$16.95), celebrates a day in the life of a family on a farm, using generous doses of sounds through onomatopoeia, rhythm, and rhyme. Breakfast ham *pop-pops*, cows *moo* while they're being milked, girls feed *clucking* hens, and boys split wood—*whack!*

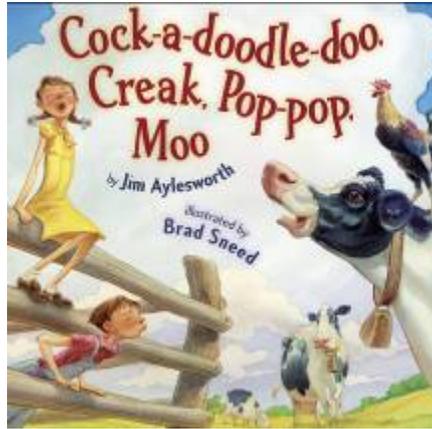
Inspired by Hickory Lawn Farm in Indiana which has been in the Aylesworth family since the 1840s, the text of this child-friendly picture book, rich with artistic merit, will have readers gleefully participating in the rollicking word play and active sounds. To bring his artwork to life, illustrator Brad Sneed took photographs of cows, chickens, pigs, horses, and roosters, and talked to his ninety-one-year-old grandmother about what it was like to grow up on a farm in Kansas.

Through detailed illustrations and playful writing, Sneed and Aylesworth create a fun book that glorifies the art of language.

**Jim Aylesworth** is a former teacher, as well as a poet and the author of more than thirty books for children. In 2009, he received Illinois's Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children. He lives in Chicago. Visit him online at [www.ayles.com](http://www.ayles.com).

**Brad Sneed** has illustrated more than twenty books for children. He was born and raised and still resides in Kansas. Sneed reveals sketches and interesting information about his creative process in his blog, <http://bradsneed.com/blog/news/>. To find out more about Brad and his work, visit [www.bradsneed.com](http://www.bradsneed.com).

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