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A pirate adventure wrapped in a reassuring hug from award-winning author Eve Bunting and artist Julie Fortenberry

New York, NY—August, 2011—***PIRATE BOY*** by acclaimed author Eve Bunting, illustrated by Julie Fortenberry, is a delightful story complete with pirates, high adventure, one brave little boy, and his steadfast mother. (Holiday House/August 15, 2011/\$16.95).

For those accustomed to Eve Bunting's gifted style of writing from a child's point of view while tugging at reader's heartstrings, ***PIRATE BOY*** does not disappoint. After reading his favorite book about a pirate boy, Danny wonders what would happen if *he* sailed away on a pirate ship. Luckily, his mother reassures him that she would find him, even if she had to swim on a dolphin, battle sea monsters, and wield a bottle of pirate-shrinking magic spray to do it!

Eve Bunting's soothing voice is sure to calm any childhood anxieties, while Julie Fortenberry's exquisite, child-like drawings beckon young readers to believe this pirate adventure is actually theirs. Young readers will love this courageous and reassuring tale of a mother's love.

Publishers Weekly noted this book's "Runaway Bunny style," calling it "a warmhearted portrait of an endlessly patient parent, ready to help her child work through his fears and desires."

Eve Bunting is the author of more than one hundred picture books, novels, and nonfiction for children. Born in Ireland, she began writing after moving to California, where she enrolled in a creative writing course. The numerous awards and honors for her books include the Golden Kite Award, the PEN Los Angeles Center Literary Award for Special Achievement in Children's Literature, and the Edgar Award, given by the Mystery Writers of America.

Julie Fortenberry is an abstract painter and children's book illustrator. She has an MFA from Hunter College and has illustrated for *Highlights High Five*, *Babybug Magazine*, and *Ladybug Magazine*. Her website is juliefortenberry.com.

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