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Great Gobs of Gollyglobber... Here Comes Hobart!

Denver, CO -- June 7, 2007 -- Stony Meadow Publishing announced today that their first children's book, The *Misadventures of Hobart Hucklebuck*, is finished. The book, aimed at readers 7-12, is a new fantasy fiction book from author Stan Swanson. The book carries a publication date of October 1, 2007, but will be available for pre-orders from the publisher by early July.

"I began writing this book just about the time Harry Potter arrived on the scene," Swanson said in a recent interview. "Although I hadn't read the Potter books at that time, I really didn't want to be compared to the series or for people to say I was jumping on the bandwagon. I put the manuscript away in a desk drawer and went on to other things. It gathered dust there for quite some time until my wife suggested that maybe it was time for Hobart to introduce himself to the world."

After reading the book again for the first time in years, Swanson suddenly saw that his wife was right. It was indeed time for Hobart to peek his head out from between those pages. Another re-write or two was all it took for **The Misadventures of Hobart Hucklebuck** to become a reality.

BOOK DESCRIPTION:

Things are not as they should be in Pennywhistle. Enchanted toasters are not toasting, enchanted sprinklers are not sprinkling and Hobart Hucklebuck's origami messenger birds are suddenly attacking him. Someone seems to be draining the power from all of the enchanted items in the village. But who could it be and why have they implicated Hobart's grandfather? *The Misadventures of Hobart Hucklebuck* follows Hobart and his friends, Specks Spacklethack and Rosie Rumpleskirt, as they try to solve this mystery and free Hobart's grandfather from the Tower of Tribulation on Mumblemonk Mountain. The trio's investigation into the mysterious happenings on Druid Lane get them into hot water more than once and ultimately brings them dangerously close to disaster not only for themselves, but the entire village of Pennywhistle.

The book will be available in paperback and hard cover editions through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other online bookstores as well as the publisher. It will also be available through local bookstores.

For additional information on *The Misadventures of Hobart Hucklebuck*, visit www.HobartHucklebuck.com* or www.StonyMeadowPublishing.com.

Stan Swanson, author of *The Misadventures of Hobart Hucklebuck*, has previously published two books on songwriting, *Inspiration For Songwriters* and

The Songwriter's Journal. He is currently working on a sequel to Hobart Hucklebuck as well as another juvenile fiction book, *Dragontooth*. Both are scheduled for release in 2008.

Stony Meadow Publishing was established in 2004 and is located in Broomfield, Colorado.

(*The Hobart Hucklebuck web site is under construction, but should be "open for business" by July of 2007.)