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KidPub Press Launches Book Publishing Service for Classrooms

North Attleboro MA, 15 December 2008 – KidPub Press, publisher of stories and books written by children, has launched a new offering aimed at classrooms. The service is an extension of its program for young authors and allows a class to publish a book of collected stories, poems, and other work by its students. The book is printed in paperback form, and is marketed on both the KidPub web site and Amazon.com.

KidPub, established in 1995, is the world's largest web site devoted to showcasing writing by kids ages 8 to 15. It offers children a variety of activities designed to help them develop confidence in their writing skills. “I believe that confidence in writing is a key to success as an adult,” remarked Perry Donham, KidPub's Publisher. “For years we've heard that American kids can't write, and it doesn't seem to get any better. The idea behind KidPub is to give kids a fun, lively community where they can write and read works by their peers in a non-competitive, non-judgmental environment. It's a low-pressure place to be creative, because it's the act of writing itself...just getting an idea down on paper...that builds skill and confidence. It almost doesn't matter what is being written, as long as it conveys an idea. The more the kids write, the better they get at it, and the better they feel about themselves as writers.”

In 2008 KidPub Press was created to give kids the chance to publish their own paperback book. The classroom program is a natural extension of that offering. “KidPub has always had a section for classrooms to showcase student stories,” said Donham, “and we started to receive requests by teachers who wanted to participate in our publishing program. It's a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about how a book starts with an idea and ends up on the bookshelf.” Students participate in the editing and publication process and receive paperback copies of their book. The first book in the new classroom program, *Layers*, written by students in San Jose, California, is scheduled for publication in January.

To find out more about KidPub's programs for young authors, how we promote confidence in writing, and about our new publishing services, visit us on the web at www.kidpub.com

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