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## Local author's picture book wins IPPY silver award

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A PICTURE book by a local author has clinched a silver award in the 2010 Independent Publisher Book (IPPY) Awards.

It is the third time that Emily Lim has won such an award. And this time, it is for her book *Bunny Finds The Right Stuff*.

The global IPPY awards recognise independent authors and publishers such as Ms Lim, who has her own publishing firm called Mustard Seed Books.

"What readers tell me is that my books speak to them," she says. "They can feel my emotions and my heart when they read them. Children can relate to the characters and adults can read the deeper meanings."

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struggles in her own life in her books, making them a journey of self-discovery.

*Bunny Finds The Right Stuff* features a stage in her life when

she realised that the things closest to her, such as her friends and her faith, are most important.

Mirroring the bunny in the book, who felt unloved because he was floppy, Ms Lim says that she used to think that she was "defective" because of her illness.

"It is actually a story about searching for the stuff that satisfies," she says. "And how sometimes we go searching for the wrong stuff that leaves marks and imprints on us."

Ms Lim, whose condition is now improving, says that *Bunny Finds The Right Stuff* has sold more than 1,000 copies since it was launched less than a year ago.

She wrote and published her first book in 2007, helped by an \$8,000 grant from the First Time Writers and Illustrators Publi-

shing Initiative. But she had no intention of continuing writing.

"I think what encouraged me was the response and feedback," she says. "A lot of people got back and shared their personal stories after I shared mine. It was a very meaningful journey for me – and the reason I continued."

Though not a profit-generating business, Ms Lim has managed to break even and has other projects lined up. She has been commissioned by a government agency to produce four more picture books, has taken on a publishing consultancy project for a medical clinic and intends to write a non-fiction adult book on her writing journey so far.

Ms Lim's dream is to take her books overseas. She has already exhibited her works at the Bologna Book Fest and BookExpo America.



### IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, CHAPTER 50 AND IN THE MATTER OF HAI LECK DEVELOPMENT PTE LTD (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the member(s) of HAI LECK DEVELOPMENT PTE LTD, deemed convened and held at 12 Tuas Drive 1 Singapore 638679 on the 12th day of June 2010.

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS RESOLVED:

- That the Company be wound up voluntarily pursuant to Section 290(1)(b) of the Companies Act, Chapter 50.
- That the Joint Liquidators of the Company be authorised to exercise any of the powers given by Section 272(1) and (2) of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 and to distribute to the contributories or as they may direct in cash and/or in specie all the surplus assets of the Company.

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS RESOLVED:

- That Ms Valerie Lim Lee Huang and Ms Lau Yin Cheng, of 1 Kaki Bukit Road 1 #02-47 Enterprise One Singapore 415934 be and are hereby appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company to act for the purpose of the winding up.
- That the Joint Liquidators be indemnified by the contributories against all claims, demands and payments which the Company may in the course of or arising out of such winding up become liable.
- That the books, accounts and documents of the Company and the Joint Liquidators be destroyed three months from the date of dissolution of the Company.

Dated this 12th June 2010  
 LEE SEE KEE  
 Director