

## Burton-on-Trent author publishes first picture book

Author and illustrator Tanya Fenton will be returning to her home town on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April to sign copies of her first children's picture book, *Three Silly Chickens*, at Waterstone's in Burton-on-Trent.

*Three Silly Chickens* tells the story of three vain and argumentative chickens whose friendship is put to the test by their determination to outdo each other.

Hogs Back Books signed up Tanya in October 2011, attracted by her bold and lively painting style, and her humorous storytelling. The publisher has since signed her up to illustrate a further title, *The Croc On The Rock*, written by Marion Clark and due for release next spring.

Tanya has been interested in painting and drawing from an early age. After leaving Wulfric school, she studied at Staffordshire University and at the NCCA (National Centre for Computer Animation) in Bournemouth. Tanya first worked in London as a drawn animator on two Disney feature films, *Hercules* and *Fantasia 2000*, 'Felix' the cat television advertisements and an Oscar-nominated short film 'Jolly Roger'. She also worked as a computer animator on five children's series 'Secret show', 'Charlie and Lola', 'Little Princess', 'Yoko Jakamoto Toto!' and 'Big Knights'.

Although Tanya has worked extensively in the animation industry, she has always wanted to write children's stories and throughout her career took time away from animation to develop her writing skills. In 2008, Tanya enrolled in the 'Writing for Children' course at the City Lit, a London based centre for adult learning. At the same time, she volunteered as a 'reading helper' at Yerbury primary school in north London and currently works part-time at a Lyndhurst House boy's preparatory school in Hampstead. Tanya loves writing process and continues to attend writing workshops.

Commenting on her first book, 'I'm very excited to have my first picture book published. It is something I've wanted to do for a long time. It's a great feeling to have created a book from scratch. I really love the creative process, creating new characters and gradually seeing them come to life through the process of storytelling and drawing. Once I start the colour work they really do seem to become real! I'm looking forward to reading it to the boys at my school.'

Karen Stevens, director of Hogs Back Books, adds: 'We are delighted to have signed up Tanya. *Three Silly Chickens* is a wonderfully funny story, which is destined to become a

classic, especially around Easter. Tanya's illustrations are lively and witty and we believe that she has an exciting career in publishing ahead of her.'

**Ends**

Notes to editors

**Hogs Back Books:** HYPERLINK "http://www.hogsbackbooks.com/"  
[www.hogsbackbooks.com](http://www.hogsbackbooks.com)

**Tanya Fenton:** [www.tanyafenton.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.tanyafenton.blogspot.co.uk)

Further information:

Karen Stevens – Hogs Back Books  
01483 506030  
07976 344036

Learning Support assistant, probably leave this out as it's not that relevant?