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HOPPING DOWN THE MOMMY TRAIL:  
HAPPY ENDING FOR THE PERFECT BEDTIME STORY

***THE ADVENTURES OF BEBOP BUNNY***

**A NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK BY AMY SEIDMAN  
ILLUSTRATED BY NICK DIMITRIADIS**

**Rhinebeck, NY** - The story of how Amy Seidman came to write her children's book, *The Adventures of Bebob Bunny*, newly released from Epigraph Publishing, reads like a charming fairy tale. When she was the hardworking single mother of a toddler son, bedtime story-time was the best part of her day. "I was putting in long hours to support us, and Jake was in daycare," she explains. "Bedtime was really the only time I got to see him, and we just loved cuddling and making up stories together. I'd ask Jake, 'What do you want to hear about?' and he'd say, 'Bebop Bunny!' That character became a part of our family."

Then fate, in the form of a chance business meeting, introduced her to the man who would become her husband. "It was a storybook thing," she smiles. "Jeff was the first man I ever wanted my son to meet. And of course, Jake told him all about Bebob Bunny." Jeff was so impressed with his fiancée's storytelling imagination that he gave Amy a course on creating a children's book as a wedding gift, and *The Adventures of Bebob Bunny* was born. Now a happy stay-at-home mom to Jake and new daughter Sarah, Seidman had time to share Bebob's adventures with others. "On Career Day, I read the story to Jake's third grade class," says Seidman, "and another mother stopped me in the hallway a whole year later and said her daughter was still talking about it. That's when I realized it ought to be a real book." Now, with charming illustrations by Greek artist Nick Dimitriadis, it is.

In the tradition of Peter Rabbit and *The Runaway Bunny*, Seidman's Bebop is a spunky, likable character sure to appeal to youngsters, and his misadventures make for some delightful fun. Because Bebop doesn't listen to his mother—and because, like the Energizer Bunny, his energy is unstoppable—Bebop gets lost in the Great Big Forest, where he has consecutive encounters with a stern blue jay, a rather flashy frog, and a very large bear. “I wanted to celebrate diversity,” Seidman explains, “and there are several positive messages in the book. For instance, I wanted to make the point that you shouldn't judge people by their looks: the prettiest character is actually mean, and the big, scary-looking one turns out to be a true friend. And I want children to see how important it is to pay attention to parents, especially when it comes to safety.” *The Adventures of Bebop Bunny* is the perfect bedtime story, and the love of a single mother for her child shines from every page. “Everything turns out alright in the end, of course,” says Seidman, “and the final page is very cozy and comforting.” While the book is meant to be read aloud to three-to-five year olds, it's also designed so that children can grow into it and practice reading it on their own.

When asked what she hopes the future will hold for Bebop, Seidman says, “He could have a series of adventures. For instance, because my husband is Jewish and I was raised Christian, I'd love to see a Bebop holiday book, celebrating both Hanukkah and Christmas. And children might like to have a Bebop stuffed toy to hold while they listen to the story.”

Bebop may be the bunny of choice for a whole new generation.

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