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**HELAIKE BECKER TAPS KIDS' HIDDEN SCIENTIST WITH NEW
MAPLE TREE PRESS BOOK, *SCIENCE ON THE LOOSE***

Helaine Becker's developed a reputation for writing kids books that blend humor with great information and make reviewers, teachers, librarians and parents take notice. Now, the author of the uproariously funny ***Mother Goose Unplucked*** has an irresistible new book, ***Science on the Loose: Amazing Activities and Science Facts You'll Never Believe***, that turns science on end. Teamed with Claudia Davila, who has illustrated several of her most popular titles including ***Boredom Blasters*** and last year's ***Mother Goose Unplucked***, Becker celebrates the wonderful and quirky aspects of science while illustrating basic science principles in a book filled with amazing anecdotes and easy-to-do experiments.

Young readers embark on intriguing adventures while they practice hands-on science and learn fascinating facts. Animal behavior, optics, astronomy, reflexes—it's all here, as kids discover how the world we think we know can trick our senses and challenge our assumptions. The stories of scientists from around the world and the extraordinary—and sometimes offbeat—things they investigate show kids just how surprising and relevant science can be. Bright illustrations and dynamic design keep kids engaged while lively sidebars illuminate the scientific concepts behind each experiment. The activities require no special equipment or unusual ingredients, just simple materials and a bright, curious mind.

Mother Goose Unplucked: Crazy Comics, Zany Activities, Nutty Facts, and Other Twisted Takes on Childhood Favorites offers a fun-filled romp through the land of "Happilyeverafter," where Fairy Godmother is an advice columnist, the Big Bad Wolf is wanted for identity theft, and Rapunzel is an insolent tween banished to her room. From Hey Diddle Riddles to Ugly Duckling Origami, Castle Wall Handball to Stump the Troll,

- more -

kids ages 8-12 will enjoy these brain-teasers, tongue-twisters, and funny-bone-tickling challenges inspired by familiar fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

Helaine Becker is a former teacher now relocated from New York to Toronto. Her other books include *Are You Psychic?*, *Funny Business*, *Like a Pro*, and *Secret Agent Y.O.U.*

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