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Eva Wells and husband Pete look on as their son Jack, 3, reels in a big one Monday at Powers Lake. Wells recently authored the book "Wishing I was Fishing," which was inspired by her childhood memories of fishing with her father.

Inspired to author

Lifetime of fishing with family inspires new children's book

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Eva Wells is an accountant by trade, but an author at heart. Recently, her passion for writing has materialized, as she had her first book published. On Saturday the Woodbury resident will be signing copies of her book "Wishing I was Fishing" at Border Books on Tamarack Road.

The illustrated children's story was inspired by a lifetime of fishing stories she gained while fishing with her father when she was a child and with her husband when they were first married.

Although the book was published in December by Beaver Pond Press, Wells said she wrote the story two years ago.

"There was quite a process involved," said Wells, a CPA, who dreamed of but never really thought seriously about writing a children's story until after her father passed away in 1999.

"My memories of my dad helped me get some inspiration to do some things I've always wanted to do, but never really tried to pursue," Wells said.

Wells said she fished with her

father as a child, but really got roped into the sport when she began dating her eventual husband Pete, who she calls a fishing fanatic.

"Our honeymoon was a fly-in fishing trip to Canada," she said. "Ever since then my whole life after our wedding, we've treated fishing trips like they're as big of a holiday as Christmas."

Wells began writing her story during a wedding anniversary fishing trip at Rainy Lake in July 2005.

The fish weren't biting, so she brought out a paper and pen and began writing. Her thoughts drifted to her childhood days of fishing with her father and before she knew it, she drafted a rough copy of what turned out to be her first

published children's book.

"It was a moment of inspiration," she joked.

Wells said the story might be a good Father's Day gift, but anyone who has memories of fishing as a youngster will enjoy the lyrics and illustrations painted by Chandra Dale.

"My own kids were pretty impressed when they saw the finished product," Wells said. "I guess it's one thing to say your going to publish a book, but to actually make it happen. It's been a pretty neat experience.

Eva Wells will be signing copies of her children's book "Wishing I was Fishing" Saturday, June 16 at Borders, 8472 Tamarack Road.

