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Announcing the Boston-based children's book *Lily + the Imaginary Zoo*

BOSTON, Mass.: Meet Lily. She's the spirited heroine behind the children's story *Lily + the Imaginary Zoo*, **Seneca Clark, Sandy Giardi** and illustrator **Julie Decedue's** premier children's book. Lily, a true animal lover, and her mother have planned a trip to the zoo. But they must get their errands done first. As they travel throughout Boston and tick off each item on their list, Lily encounters Boston's most beloved statues—and all of them are animals! Through the power of her imagination, when Lily approaches, each statue springs to life. When she interacts with mallard ducklings at the Public Garden, a lion who stands guards the Boston Public Library and many other animals, Lily is rewarded with a fun-filled day she will never forget.

In addition to vibrant and whimsical illustrations created from a method combining freehand sketching, collage and watercolor washes, *Lily + the Imaginary Zoo* features a map detailing the locations of the five sets of animal statues highlighted, as well as background information on the public art. Parents and children are encouraged to explore Boston and unleash their own imaginations.

This was the first children's book by **Three Bean Press's** Seneca Clark, Sandy Giardi and Julie Decedue, who have since published *The Yellowest Yellow Lab* and *Frankie Goes to Fenway: The Tale of the Faithful, Red Sox-Loving Mouse*, as well as **Peter Davis's** cookbook, *Fresh & Honest: Food From the Farms of New England and the Kitchen of Henrietta's Table*.

Lily + the Imaginary Zoo is available for purchase online at sites including **threebeanpress.com** and **amazon.com**, and can be found in bookstores nationwide, such as Borders and Barnes & Noble, and in local boutiques like Mulberry Road, The Blue Bunny and Best of Boston.

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