

Water Valley author publishes book

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After 19 years stuck in a drawer, the *Little Blue Penguin* has made it into print.

Patricia Atchison, of Water Valley, recently published her first children's book based on a stuffed penguin that is brought home to a little girl but then becomes lost at the zoo.

"I've always wanted to see it in print," Atchison said.

The book is self-published with the help of Wood Lily Publishers. About 2,000 copies are in print.

"It's a little bit overwhelming," Atchison said.

Little Blue Penguin has already been very successful with younger readers and even though Atchison wasn't out to create an educational book, she sort of has.

The story can be used to teach children their colours and the book includes a set of questions at the end to engage younger minds.

"It has been well received," by the target audience of two- to five-year-olds said Atchison.

The book contains full colour illustrations throughout by Jo-Anne Jagers.

Atchison worked very closely with Jagers to produce a book she feels is of good quality.

The two were working

under a tough deadline as Atchison wanted the book to be ready by Christmas time.

With her goal complet-

ed, Atchison will be at Bentleys Books in Cochrane for a signing session Nov. 16.

Atchison is also working on three other young adult manuscripts.



Patricia Atchison will be signing copies of her children's book at Bentleys Books on Nov. 16.