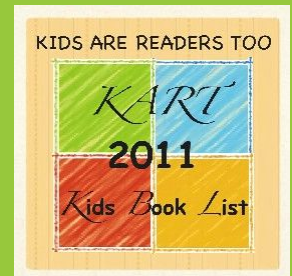




# AUTHOR BIO

Aileen Stewart is the award winning author of the *Fern Valley Series*, the new *Quack and Daisy Picture Book Series*, a public speaker, an amateur photographer, a blogger, and SCBWI member. In addition, she hosts writing workshops for children. She resides in lovely Shelby, Ohio with her beautiful daughter, wonderful husband, and their crazy cats Max, Daisy, and Fluffy. Her motto is “Kids Who Read Can Do Anything!”



**Aileen Stewart**  
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# FERN VALLEY

## A Collection of Short Stories

### Book Synopsis:

Title: *Fern Valley- A Collection of Short Stories*

ISBN: 9781617395277

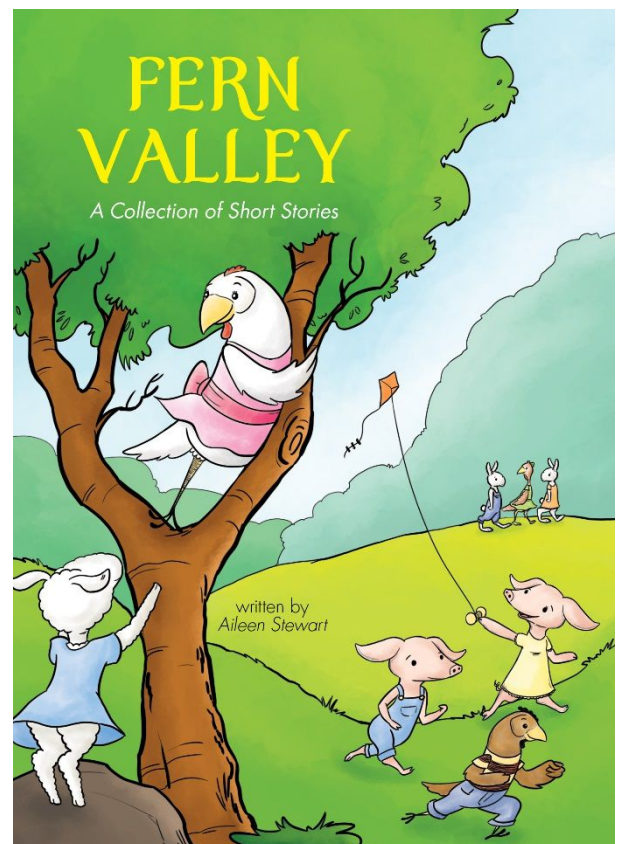
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Page Length: 138

Genre: Children's Fiction - Ages 8-12

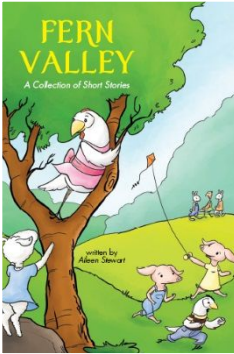
Suggested Retail: \$11.99 paperback

Fern Valley is home to a group of wonderful animals who have fun and face some of the same problems children everywhere do. Roberta and Mildred Cornstalk are creative chickens dealing with the loss of their beloved granny, and they're looking for something to do to cheer them up. Want to know what adventures they find? Want to know what happens to Roberta and Mildred's brother, Edward, when he goes fishing, what birthday surprise is in store for Betsy Woolrich, or what lesson Kimmy Curlytail learns when she keeps something that isn't hers? Then follow this endearing cast of characters as they enjoy their time together and learn important lessons.



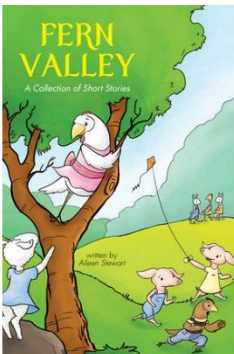
A perfect addition for any child's personal library and a joy for families to share, *Fern Valley* is a collection to be treasured for many years to come.

# Fern Valley Reviews



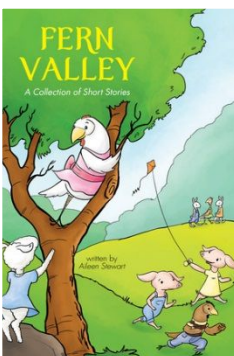
"I highly recommend this book for children starting to read chapter books."

**-Mymcbooks**



"What I received was a pleasant surprise, the book has actual stories with wonderfully written characters, who use their imaginations and are very polite."

**-R. Shaffer**



Each story contains a wonderful message to share and teaches children valuable lessons in honesty, hard work, and more."

**-Phyllis Marie Griggs**

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# RETURN TO FERN VALLEY

ANOTHER COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES

## Book Synopsis:

Title: *Return to Fern Valley*

ISBN: 9781632687159

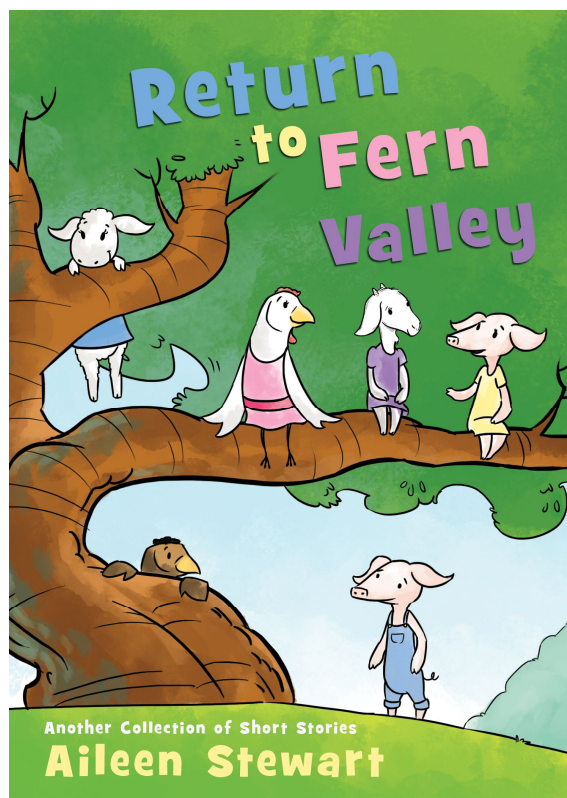
Publisher: Tate Publishing (September 2014)

Page Length: 152

Genre: Children's Fiction - Ages 8-12

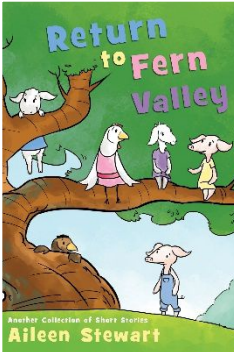
Suggested Retail: \$11.99 paperback

The Fern Valley Kids are back in twelve new and exciting adventures. Join Mildred and Roberta Cornstalk as they discover a clue hidden inside a library book. Peek into the window of a secret cottage with the lovely Betsy Woolrich. Find out what Jason Curlytail builds from a box, what Alice Redfeather does when she gets locked out of the house, or how Nathan Gruff copes with the news of a new baby.



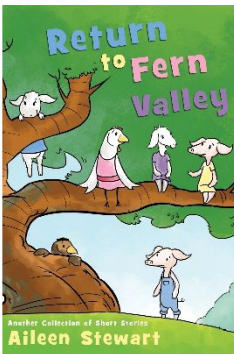
A perfect addition for any child's personal library and a joy for families to share, *Return to Fern Valley* will have you falling in love with your favorite characters all over again.

# Return to Fern Valley Reviews



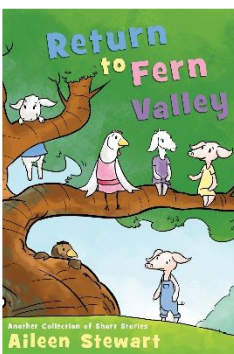
"If you loved getting to know the friendly characters in Fern Valley by Aileen Stewart, you will certainly love them in her latest book."

**-Lisa Tortorello**



"I love the exciting details and imagination of each story. I highly recommend this book for children starting to read chapter books."

**-Mymcbooks**



"My 8 year old son and I hadn't read the first Fern Valley book, but it didn't make a difference. WE really enjoyed reading this book together."

**-Brendashandmade**

# COOKING IN FERN VALLEY

A Collection of Short Stories and Recipes

## Book Synopsis:

Title: Cooking in Fern Valley

ISBN: 9781682074176

Publisher: Tate Publishing (November 2015)

Page Length: 150

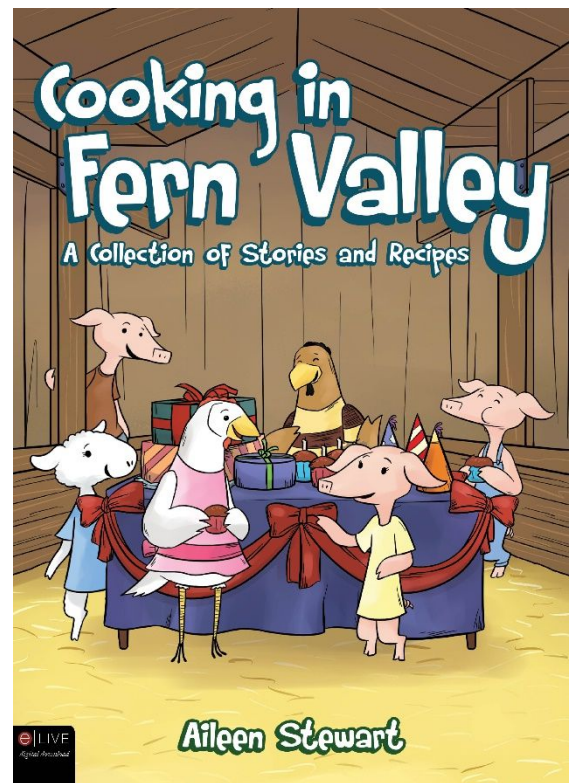
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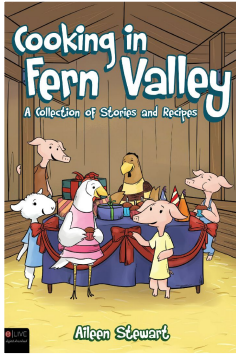
Welcome to Fern Valley where every day is an adventure.

Join your favorite Fern Valley Kids like, Mildred and Roberta Cornstalk, as they plan a surprise party for their friend Kimmy. Follow along as Sammie Gruff learns who sent her a secret valentine, or cheer Jared Curlytail on as he tries to figure out what he can make for the school bake and craft sale.

And when the adventures are done, be sure to head for the kitchen to whip up one of the twelve delicious recipes included.

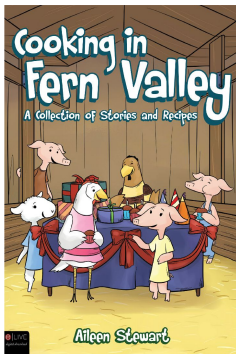


# Cooking In Fern Valley Reviews



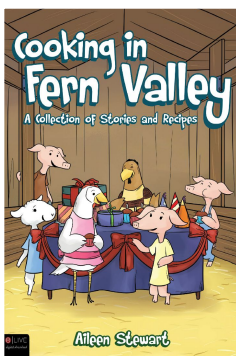
"The stories are great and students can read them one at a time and even act them out."

**-Fran Lewis**



"I love this children's book. Your child will fall in love with this book and have so much fun making the recipes."

**-Rosevine Cottage Girls**



"This book made me giggle and it also made me hungry."

**-Lori Moore of Reader's Favorite**

# Quack and Daisy

## Book Synopsis:

Title: *Quack and Daisy*

ISBN: 9781681877488

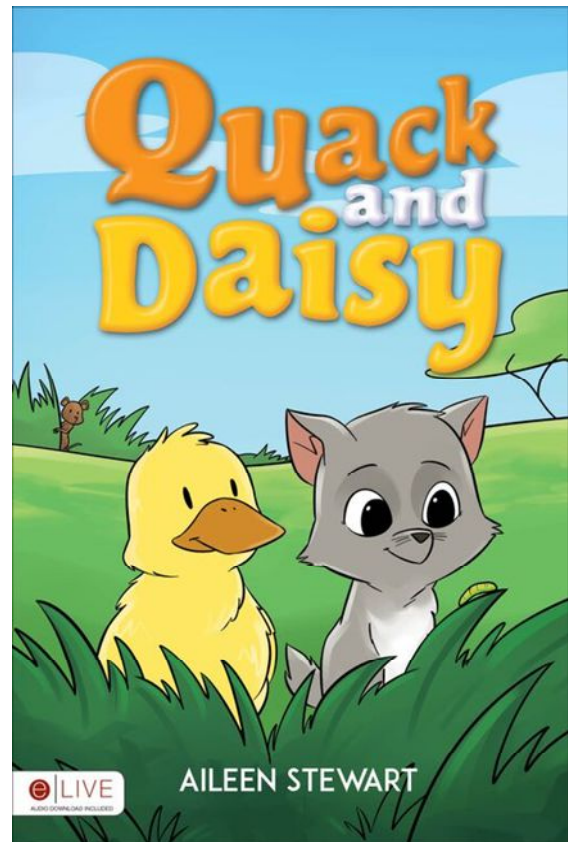
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Page Length: 26

Genre: Children's Fiction - Ages 4-8

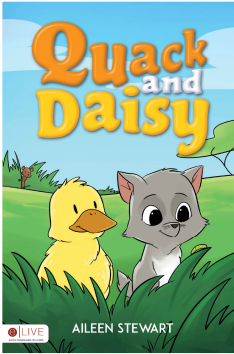
Suggested Retail: \$8.99 paperback

Quack the duckling and Daisy the kitten meet for the first time in the meadow and instantly become the best of friends. Can two such unlikely friends stay friends when everyone else tells them it's impossible? Will Daisy's failure to swim and Quack's inability to catch a mouse cause them to give up on each other? Or will their friendship survive? Find out in this fun new adventure!



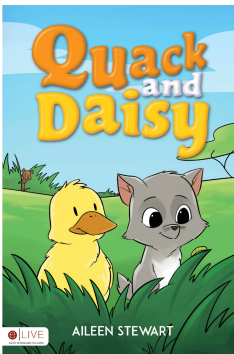


# Quack and Daisy Reviews



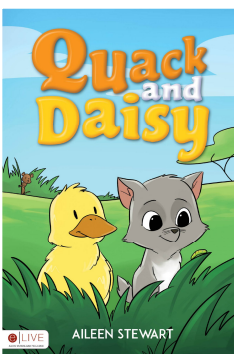
"This lovely book points out differences in people and relationships and how they can come together with just the right kind of friendship."

**-Katherine Boyer**



"This is such a sweet story about accepting others, differences and all, to build a beautiful friendship."

**-Stacie Theis**



"My pre-k class love this book. And with the message of friendship and acceptance, it's a win win for the teacher too! "

**-Shawna Hudson**

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# Quack and Daisy

## Beyond the Meadow

### Book Synopsis:

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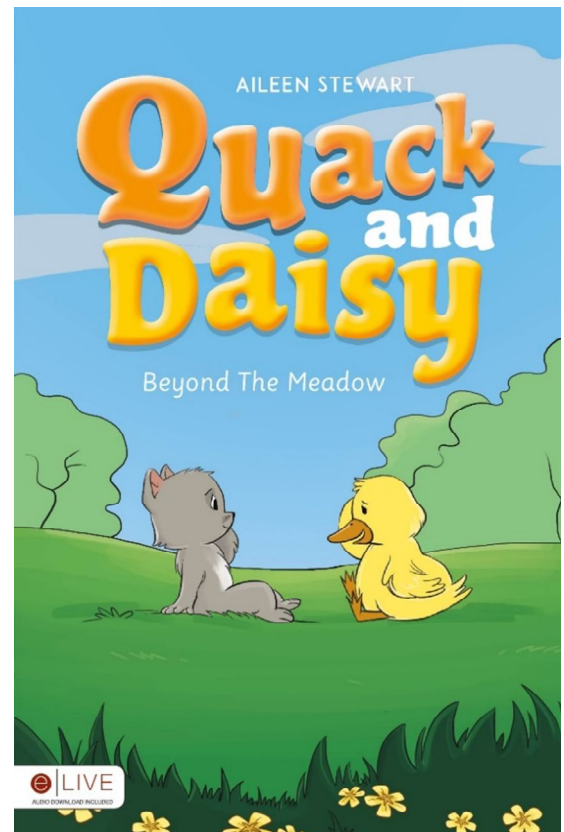
ISBN: 9781682934869

Publisher: Tate Publishing (April 2016)

Page Length: 24

Genre: Children's Fiction - Ages 4-8

Suggested Retail: \$8.99 paperback



Quack, the duckling, and Daisy, the kitten, are best friends who spend most days playing in the meadow. One day Quack decides to tell Daisy a secret. She tells her of Mama Duck's ominous warnings not go beyond the meadow. Will the two friends heed Mama's words about the dangers beyond the meadow, or will their curiosity get the better of them? Find out in this second exciting Quack and Daisy adventure.



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# SOCIAL MEDIA

Face Book Page:

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Twitter Handle:

<https://twitter.com/AileenWStewart>

Blog - Aileen's Thoughts:

<https://www.aileenwstewart.blogspot.com>

Website:

<http://www.funwithaileen.com>

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# Experience

Aileen has participated in panel discussions at Ohioana and the Southern Kentucky Book Festival, has presented to school children in various elementary schools, libraries, at the Southern Kentucky Book Festival, the Central Massachusetts Children's Book Festival, The Hudson Children's Book Festival, and has spoken to writers groups about writing and publishing. In addition, she has hosted children's writing workshops for children in first to sixth grade for the Crestline Exempted Village Schools and at the Learning Rocks Expo in Columbus, Ohio.



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**CRAFT SHOW**

Local author to participate in  
Booster fundraiser PAGE 3A



Brinkerhoff Elementary School.  
» **Thursday:** 2 to 4 p.m., Western Elementary School, Lexington.  
» **Friday:** 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., St. Peter's Elementary School.

### 'Fern Valley' author in Ashland Saturday

ASHLAND — Shelby author Aileen Stewart will sign copies of her children's book "Fern Valley" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Carpenter's Shop, 516 Claremont Ave.

The story is about Fern Valley, home of two creative chickens who are dealing with the loss of their beloved granny and are looking for something to do to cheer themselves up.

For details, email James Branscum at james@tatepublishing.com or call him at 888-361-9473.

### DAILY CALENDAR

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**White Lily Singers from Ashley:** Gospel. Bring chairs. Aumiller Park, Aumiller Park, 8 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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SPORTS: Friday night football. See page 3.



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## Local author makes return appearance with new book

By MINDY MCKENZIE  
Daily Globe Staff Reporter

SHELBY — Local author Aileen Stewart is sending readers back to the land of Fern Valley with the recent release of her brand new book, "Return to Fern Valley."

Stewart began her writing career with her first book entitled "Fern Valley." Stewart explained each book is a collection of 12 short stories and the characters in the book are farm animals.

"This is basically average characters who have adventures. They go camping, fishing, and they go to parties. The books are set up like chapter books and there is a small illustration at the beginning of each story," Stewart explained.

"The main characters of the book depend on which story the reader is reading," Stewart said.

"All of the characters kind of remain the same in each of the stories and each of the books. The setting is in a town. Some of them (characters) live in the town and some of them live in the city. They all go to school together, so depending on what story you are reading will depend on which characters are the main ones in that story."

"When I was nine, my teacher entered us into a poetry contest and I won an honorable mention," Stewart said. "I was really excited about that and my dad was also a writer. He would write for hunting and fishing magazines. So, I just kind of grew up around that. I always knew that I loved reading and writing."

Stewart said she previously tried to write some stories for magazines, but explained her life led her in other directions.

"About six years ago when my daughter was three, we were watching cartoons together. I noticed that it said some of the cartoons were based on books. I told my husband one day that I could do that. Writing was still in the background for me and I always loved it. I thought to myself that I would sit down and see how it goes, so that is how the first book was born," Stewart said.

"Fern Valley" is based loosely on where she grew up in Willard, she explained. Stewart said the reason why she chose to use farm animals was because her best friend actually lived on a farm.

"I used to love to go there and it was like this magical place," said Stewart.



# LOCAL

## Shelby author set for book signing

MARK CAUDILL  
REPORTER

SHELBY - Aileen Stewart takes on peer pressure in her first picture book, "Quack and Daisy."

The book tells the story of Quack the duckling and Daisy the kitten. They meet in a meadow and instantly become the best of friends.

When everyone tells them they can't be friends because they are so different, Quack and Daisy have a choice to make. "They encounter peer pressure," Stewart said. "They have to decide whether to give in to that peer pressure or whether they really can be friends."

Stewart will sign copies of the book at



Aileen Stewart

field.

"Quack and Daisy" was released in September. Stewart said she likes to use farms as a setting. She based Daisy on her small cat.

She based the book's theme on conversations with her 10-year-old daughter.

"You hear so much about bullying.

10 a.m. Saturday at the Northmor Christmas in the Country craft show, 7819 Ohio 19, Galion."

In addition, Stewart will do a book signing at 10 a.m. Nov. 21 at the St. Mary's craft fair, 1630 Ashland Road, Mans-

This is more subtle," Stewart said. "I thought that would be a great message for a book."

This is a busy time for Stewart. Her latest work, "Cooking in Fern Valley," was released this week. The book, the third in her Fern Valley series, combines 12 short stories and 12 recipes.

She said it's a way for parents and children to read, cook and bond.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, Stewart's books are available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore) or by visiting [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

A Willard native, Stewart has lived in Shelby the last 17 years with her hus-

band, daughter and three cats.

"I've always liked to write," she said. "My dad did freelance stories for hunting and fishing magazines."

When she was 9, Stewart earned honorable mention in a poetry contest. She was hooked on writing.

In 2000, Stewart went back to school at North Central State College, where she studied business administration, sales and marketing. All have helped with her subsequent career as an author.

For more information, visit [funwith-aileen.com](http://funwith-aileen.com).

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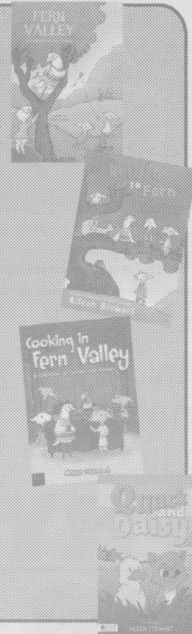
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## BOOK TALK & BOOK SIGNING

ON TUESDAY, NOV. 17 AT 6:30 PM

*Books may be purchased at the library.*





**MARK J. ROMANCHUK**

State Representative  
2<sup>nd</sup> House District

January 7, 2016

Aileen Stewart  
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Shelby, OH 44875-1820

Dear Aileen,

Congratulations on the release of your new children's cooking book, "Cooking in Fern Valley". I came across the attached article in the Mansfield News Journal and included it as a memento.

As your State Representative, I am pleased to represent a district with such remarkable people. You are an essential asset to young aspiring chefs and to our community. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

If I can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

Mark J. Romanchuk  
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# Area author to release children's book

Staff report

This week marks the nationwide release of "Cooking in Fern Valley," a new cooking and children's book by area author Aileen Stewart.

Welcome to Fern Valley, where every day is an adventure.

Join your favorite Fern Valley kids, like Mildred and Roberta Cornstalk, as they plan a surprise party for their friend, Kimmy. Follow along as Sammie Gruff learns who sent her a secret valentine, or cheer on Jared Curlytail as he tries to figure out what he can make for the school bake and craft sale. And when the adventures are done, be sure to head for the kitchen to

whip up one of the 12 delicious recipes included within the pages of this wonderful book.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore), or by visiting [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Stewart lives in Shelby, Ohio, with her family. Besides writing, she is also passionate about cooking and believes that trying new things is one of the best adventures of all. To learn more about her and the other books in her series, be sure to visit her website: [Fun With Aileen \(funwithaileen.com\)](http://FunWithAileen.com).