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“Smeagull the Seagull”: Meet the Connecticut Author

Connecticut author ([Mark Seth Lender](#)) and illustrator ([Valerie Elaine Pettis](#)) recently visited Breakwater Books in Guilford to read from her popular children's book.



About Smeagull the Seagull

Smeagull is a wild herring gull and this a true story written from the experiences of the author. *Smeagull the Seagull* comes to the house near the shore and knocks on the sliding glass door. He knocks when he's hungry, and the people who live there feed him fish from the local fisherman. Smeagull comes in the rain, when it is sunny, in the Spring,



Summer, Fall and Winter but one day he isn't anywhere to be found so the couple searches high and low for Smeagull. In the end Smeagull returns with a new family – She-gull and Me-gull. It is a cute story with brilliant illustrations.

Smeagull the Seagull teaches young children that animals are precious and have needs and feelings and family, just like us. There are few places on earth without seagulls, both on shore and inland, and every child will find Smeagull captivating and yet familiar.



Our grand daughter, age 5, was captivated by the beautiful illustrations and enjoyed the story very much. After we finished reading the book, she said, “you read it so well, read it again.” The story has a good rhyme to it throughout the book. Children will be in love with Smeagull and his family. You can read more about the book at [Goodreads.com](#)