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Culturelink Press Announces Book of Funny Verse

SAN DIEGO (November, 2007) – Culturelink Press announces the November 2007 release of *No Perfect People, Please!* by Diane Asitimbay, an illustrated collection of humorous poems about 26 children and their not-so-perfect personalities.

Among the lavishly-colored children's books, *No Perfect People, Please!* stands out with simple black and white drawings in the graphic tradition of Shel Silverstein's *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. The author playfully tells the story of each child's personality, and how friends and family members hilariously cope with their behavior.

Each kid has a funny tongue-twisting name that begins with a letter of the alphabet and reflects his or her personality trait. There's Brad Bradwurst the Braggert, who brags too much. There's Grimy Gilbert Grantski, who never soaps up his feet, and Lazy Larry Leopold, who is always looking for a place to sleep. Children ages 6-12 will see themselves in the true-to-life children and yell "That's me!" They will love how the poems rhyme, and will remember the catchy refrains contained in this book.

Asitimbay performs a selection of her poems in an Audio CD that comes with the book. Younger children will especially enjoy hearing the author's funny accents and sound effects, and older kids will ask for the CD when they are riding in the car or when they are too sick to read and need something to cheer them up.

Diane Asitimbay is the author of *What'sup America?*, a cultural guide which won a 2006 Fresh Voices Award by Writer's Marketing Association. She has been interviewed on national television on the "FOX & FRIENDS" show and on "These Days," a morning talk show of KPBS, a local affiliate of National Public Radio. She lives in San Diego with her husband and daughter.

Asitimbay plans to share her poems with all ages in visits to elementary schools, in story hours at libraries, and in literacy campaigns. The author hopes her poems will nurture kids' reading habits, and boost children's confidence in reading.

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