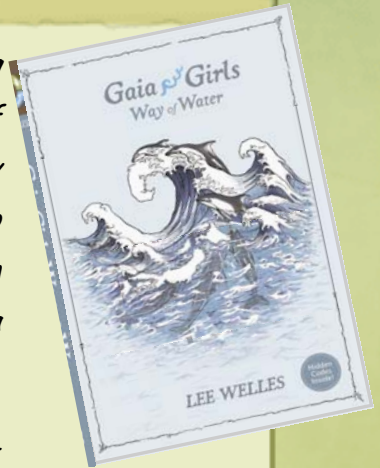


GAIA NEWS

ALL KINDS OF BIG NEWS! *The Gaia Girls Book Series is now being published by Chelsea Green Publishing! June 9th is the official launch of Gaia Girls Way of Water! We are launching the book in the coolest way and the summer book tour is shaping up to be quite an adventure! I will do my best to keep the [Gaia Girls Blog](#) current with photos and reports from the road. If you know of a great event where an eco-author would be a welcomed addition—let me know!*

I hope to see you on my book tour and look forward to hearing your feedback after you dive into this next adventure with Gaia Girls Way of Water!

Lee



Chelsea Green Publishing Acquires Gaia Girls Book Series

Chelsea Green Publishing has been bringing great books into the world for over 23 years and now the Gaia Girls Book Series is part of their great catalog of titles! While they have traditionally published mostly non-fiction titles focused on the “politics and practice of sustainability,” they are now reaching out to kids. Gaia Girls is one of their first children’s book titles under their new imprint, **Chelsea Green Kids**.

Marketing and Business Development Director, Mike Dyer says, “Chelsea Green is very pleased to add the award-winning Gaia Girls Book Series to our line. These groundbreaking books will introduce and encourage the next generation of readers to think critically about the environment and make a positive impact, something we hope all of our great books will do.”

Lee is very excited to be working with Chelsea Green. “Daisyworld Press was wonderful in getting the books out in a way that captured my vision. However, as things grew, so did the need to be with a team of folks with a more experience and a broader reach. I think Gaia Girls has found the perfect home with Chelsea Green!”

Scroll down for Way of Water LAUNCH info! ↓

GAIA NEWS

Gaia Girls Way of Water Book Tour Begins!

What a perfect way to kick off the **Gaia Girls Way of Water Book Tour!**



**NATIONAL AQUARIUM
IN BALTIMORE.**

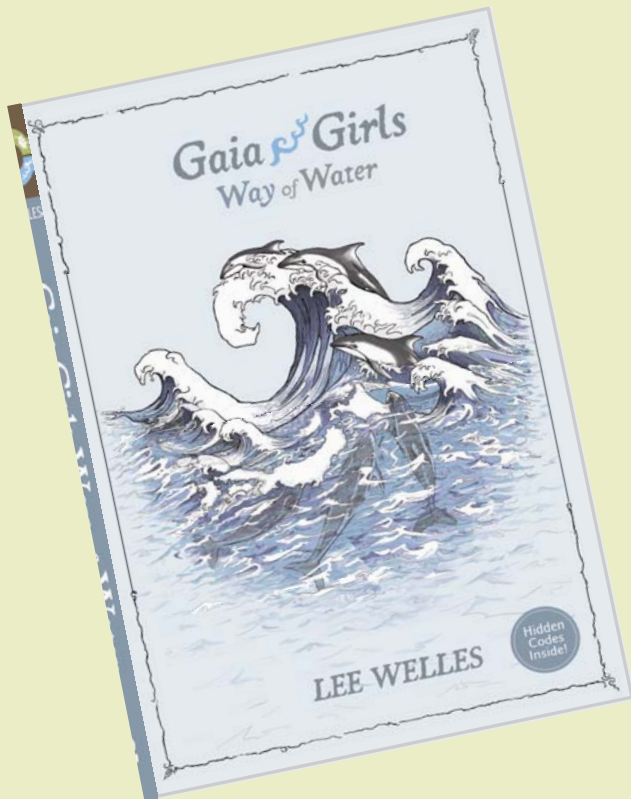
NAIB will be hosting Lee **Saturday June 9th 12:00pm-2:30pm.**

Many thanks goes to Bill Mott, Director of **The Ocean Project**. He was instrumental in putting this together and says the book is "A fast flowing adventure, *Way of Water* will capture the imagination of both young and older audiences, and with an undercurrent of caring and responsibility interwoven throughout the book, it will subtly help instill a conservation ethic for our ocean."

Lee will then be heading next door to **Barnes & Noble** to introduce customers to ***Gaia Girls Way of Water*** and sign books from **3pm-5pm**

Port Discovery
The Children's Museum in Baltimore

Sunday June 10th-1:30pm Lee will be at the **Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore.** Look for her in "The Oasis!"



Local Launch

Corning, NY

Saturday June 16th

Southeast Steuben County Library
300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza.

10:30am-Refreshments, Book Sales, Music & more!

11:15am-Author Reading

11:30pm-Book Signing

Wild Birds Unlimited 23 E. Market St.
2:00pm-Book Signing

[Click here](#) for full launch day details

Scroll down for **more news!** ↓

GAIA NEWS

INTRODUCING *Gaia Girls Way of Water* Illustrator **Carol Coogan**

Carol Coogan is an artist, illustrator, graphic designer, writer and creator of the "Backyard Naturalist," a weekly column for the Times Union. Lee and Carol met at a children's earth event at the Albany Public Library in 2006. Prior to illustrating *Gaia Girls Way of Water*, Carol illustrated "Create a Yoga Practice For Kids" by Yael Calhoun, the "2008 Magical Almanac." She is a member of the Upstate Artists Guild, Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI), the SCBWI Illustrator Critique Group, the Children's Literature Connection (CLC), Upstate 88 Artist Group and Visions Gallery of Albany NY.



Carol says, "Illustrating Lee Welles' *Gaia Girls* book was a wonderful experience. It gave me the opportunity to merge my skills as a nature artist with my interests in the natural sciences and environmental concerns, and my desire to do something truly useful to inspire and empower kids to know they can make a difference in the world." Check out some of her other **great work!**

Gaia Girls Way of Water June & July Tour Dates

Full Details & Updates at the [Gaia Girls Blog](#)

- ◆ **Sat. June 9th 12:00pm** [National Aquarium in Baltimore](#) **Baltimore, MD**
- ◆ **Sat. June 9th 3:00pm** [Baltimore Barnes & Noble](#) **Baltimore, MD**
- ◆ **Sat. June 10th 1:30pm** [Port Discovery Museum in Baltimore](#) **Baltimore, MD**
- ◆ **Sat. June 16th 10:30am** [Southeast Steuben Co. Library](#) **Corning, NY**
- ◆ **Sun. June 17th 2:00pm** [Wild Birds Unlimited](#) **Corning, NY**
- ◆ **Mon. June 18th 7:00pm** [Ithaca Barnes & Noble](#) **Ithaca, NY**
- ◆ **Wed. June 20th 7:00pm** [Elmira Barnes & Noble](#) **Big Flats, NY**
- ◆ **Sat. June 23rd 1:00pm** [Albany Library-Pine Hills Branch](#) **Albany, NY**
- ◆ **Sun. June 24th 12:00pm** [Wegmans Ithaca](#) **Ithaca, NY**
- ◆ **Sat. June 30th 12:00pm** [Wegmans Geneseo](#) **Geneseo, NY**
- ◆ **Sat. July 7th 12:00pm** [Buffalo Book Fair](#) **Buffalo, NY**
- ◆ **Wed. July 11th 2:00pm** [From My Shelf Books](#) **Wellsboro, PA**
- ◆ **Sat/Sun July 14th & 15th** [Solar Fest](#) **Tinmouth, VT**
- ◆ **Sat. July 21st 1:00pm** [Shedd Aquarium](#) **Chicago, IL**
- ◆ **Sat/Sun July 28th & 29th** [Kickapoo Country Fair](#) **LaFarge, WI**