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Award-Winning Local Author Publishes Second Young Adult Novel

MARCO ISLAND, FL, November 6—Jill Baguchinsky, winner of the 2011 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award, has teamed up with Nashville's Turner Publishing to release *Mammoth*, a YA contemporary novel that tackles themes of self-confidence, body positivity, and the difficulties faced by women in STEM fields.

About *Mammoth*

Teen paleontology geek and plus-size fashion blogger Natalie Page depends on the vintage-inspired style she developed to shield herself from her former bullies. Natalie lands a coveted summer internship at an Ice Age dig site near Austin, Texas, where she struggles to balance her carefully crafted persona with the dirty, sweaty realities of paleo fieldwork. When Natalie's paleontologist hero turns out to be anything but heroic, stealing the credit for her accomplishment, she has to unearth the confidence to stand out in a field dominated by men. To do this, she'll need to let her true self shine, even if that means defying the rules and risking her life for the sake of a major discovery.

Through the growing confidence and fierce ambition of its heroine, *Mammoth* tackles the difficulties women often face in science fields and highlights the importance of assertiveness and authenticity.

Mammoth is available for pre-order through all major booksellers. It hits bookstores Nov. 6.

Praise for *Mammoth*

"There is much to love here: a sweet romance, a determined portrayal of women in STEM fields, an encouraging tale of self-acceptance." –Booklist

"A fun story told with unapologetic verve, *Mammoth* reminds us that science must be open to anyone who has the passion and ambition to learn new things about the world." –Steve Brusatte, paleontologist and bestselling author of *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs*

About Jill Baguchinsky

Jill Baguchinsky remembers staring down the bones of prehistoric beasts during a trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City when she was six. That visit spurred a lifelong fondness for paleontology that inspired *Mammoth*. While drafting *Mammoth*, Jill trained at the Waco Mammoth National Monument, toured bone labs and fossil collections, and consulted with several paleontologists. Jill lives on Marco Island, Florida. For more information, visit www.jillbaguchinsky.com.

About Turner Publishing

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