Houghton Mifflin is pleased to announce the publication of

**Bad Bears in the Big City**
An Irving and Muktuk Story

Written by Daniel Pinkwater and illustrated by Jill Pinkwater

★ “Pinkwater at his best. The sophisticated flair of the kid-appealing wryness will please the most jaded youngsters, while the kidlike troublemaking and sheer silliness will suit readaloud audiences to the last muffin crumb.”—The Bulletin, starred review and cover illustration

Transported from Yellowtooth in the frozen North to their new home in the Bayonne, New Jersey, Zoo, polar bears Irving and Muktuk quickly become bored with their life of swimming, eating fish, playing, and taking naps, with only the occasional muffin thrown to them. Why should they be stuck inside the zoo at night when their fellow polar bear, Roy, goes home every night? In search of Roy and more muffins, these bad bears make a break for it.

Daniel Pinkwater’s deadpan dialogue, complemented perfectly by Jill Pinkwater’s droll illustrations, will tickle the funny bone of readers young and old and have even the most trusting souls holding on to their blueberry muffins.

**Additional Praise for Bad Bears in the Big City**

“Welcome back the Pinkwaters’ Irving and Muktuk, two mischief-making polar bears with a muffin fixation. The spare line drawings perfectly capture these strange, gratifying bears—two ursines who are always a step west of our expectations.”—Kirkus Reviews

“The droll, understated text and Jill Pinkwater’s simple, expressive, marker-and-ink illustrations perfectly capture the cheekiness of this story of bears gone bad and proud of it.”—Booklist

“Daniel and Jill Pinkwater have created sly and engaging characters in Irving and Muktuk, who are not bad bears, really—just muffin lovers. When you see them, you’ll want to bring them home and serve blueberry muffins all around!”—Scott Simon, National Public Radio’s Weekend Edition Saturday

**Daniel and Jill Pinkwater** have collaborated on many well-loved children’s books, including *Irving and Muktuk: Two Bad Bears* and the Larry series. The Lifeline Theater in Chicago recently launched a new stage play based on these popular books. Daniel Pinkwater is known to NPR-listening, book-buying people around the country for his children’s book commentary on Weekend Edition Saturday, on which he and host Scott Simon read aloud from books Pinkwater selects. For more information on this husband-and-wife team, who live in upstate New York, visit www.pinkwater.com.