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Children's Book Author

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Education:

- B.S. degree in Education and English & American Literature from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois.
- M.A. degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.



Educator Experience

- Taught at elementary level in Taipei, Taiwan, Villars Sur Ollon, Switzerland, University City, Missouri, Tol Island, Truk district in Micronesia (secondary level), and Mercer Island, Washington.
- Little Friends Preschool founder, administrator, teacher. Presently consultant.

While growing up I wanted to become both a poet and a journalist. As an adult student, part of my masters degree work was putting together a photo essay picture book for young children. A friend who owned a Seattle children's bookstore suggested that I try to market this work for publication. It didn't sell, but I began writing more picture book stories. The lyrical, every-word-counts genre captivated the poet and journalist in me. I've been writing picture book and easy to read stories for children ever since.

As an educator, as well as an author, I am comfortable and experienced giving presentations to children of all ages in a classroom or assembly setting. I also give presentations to small or large groups of parents, teachers, librarians or other adults. I do both daytime and evening programs.

I have presented in dozens of schools in the Seattle area, around Washington state, and in other parts of the United States. I have also presented to The American Library Association, The Association of American English Teachers, The Conference of Whole Language Teachers, and The International Reading Association. Additionally I have performed a reading in concert with the Seattle Chamber Orchestra.