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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., Journalism & Mass Communication with Honors, 1997
UNC Honors Program, London School of Economics, 1995
Radcliffe Publishing Course, Certificate in Publishing, 1997

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, "Diet and Exercise in *Seventeen* Magazine, 1965-1995"

Employment History

2015-Present	Lecturer in Literary Arts & Studies, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
2002-Present	Editor/Agent, Studio Goodwin Sturges, Boston, MA and Providence, RI
1999-Present	Children's Author and Freelance Writer, various trade publishers
1999-2002	Children's Bookseller, Borders Bookshop, Framingham, MA
1998-1999	Assistant Editor, HarperCollins Children's Books, New York, NY
1997-1998	Editorial Assistant, Morrow Junior Books, New York, NY

Publishing

Children's Books

In This Library (Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, forthcoming April 13, 2027)
You Are a Reader!/You Are a Writer! (Holiday House, 2021)
Snowy Race (Holiday House, 2019)
101 Trucks and Other Mighty Rulers of the Road (Scholastic, 2019)
101 Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Reptiles (Scholastic, 2018)
Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2017)
Who Was Frederick Douglass? (Penguin Workshop, 2014)
Dig In! (Abrams/Applesseed, 2013)
Dive In! (Abrams/Applesseed, 2013)
Jackie Robinson: He Led the Way (Penguin Workshop, 2008)
Valentine Friends (Scholastic, 2007)
What Do Wheels Do All Day? (Houghton Mifflin, 2006)
Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing (Houghton Mifflin, 2005)
Who Was Mark Twain? (Penguin Workshop, 2004)
Meet Our Flag, Old Glory (Little, Brown, 2004)

Ghostwritten children's books

Celebrity picture book published by major New York trade book publisher, 2007

Series of 13 extensively researched picture, chapter, and middle-grade books for nonfiction series published by major New York trade book publisher, 2001-2005

Published Book Reviews

Serious Farm by Tim Egan, *The Five Owls* 2004

Scranimals by Jack Prelutsky, *The Five Owls* 2003

Rise the Moon by Eileen Spinelli, *The Five Owls* 2003

They Came from the Bronx by Neil Waldman, *The Five Owls* 2002

The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins, *The Five Owls* January/February 2000

Emeline at the Circus by Marjorie Priceman, *The Five Owls* September/October 1999

When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang, *The Five Owls* March/April 1999

10 Minutes till Bedtime by Peggy Rathman, *The Five Owls* November/December 1998

Morning on the Lake by Jan Bourdeau Waboose, *The Five Owls* September/October 1998

Beach Play by Marsha Hayles, *The Five Owls* July-August 1998

Awards

You Are a Reader/You Are a Writer

- * Nominee for 2023 Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award

Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates

- * Best Children's Book of the Month (November 2017), Ages 6-8, chosen by Amazon editors

Dig In!

- * A Parents' Choice Fun Stuff Award Winner
- * Best Children's Book of the Year (2013), Baby-Age 2, chosen by Amazon editors

What Do Wheels Do All Day?

- * Child Magazine Best Books of the Year 2006
- * Featured on PBS's "Between the Lions" Fall 2010

Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing

- * New York Public Library's One Hundred Books for Reading & Sharing 2005
- * Notable Social Studies Trade Book for 2006
- * Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Seal

Visiting Author/Speaker

Visiting Author, preschool-grade 6, schools and libraries in New England, New Jersey, New York, Utah, and virtually across the country, 2001-present.

Programs and workshops include "Ideas! Words! Action!," "How a Book is Made," "Writing a Brilliant Biography," "Write What You Know," "Be a Detail Detective," and "You Are a Juicy Writer."

Treehouse Museum, Tales at Treehouse Festival, "The Story Stew in (Me and) You " October 2024 and "Finding the Right Words for the Right Story" March 2026

Massachusetts Reading Association, "Readers Are Writers: Cultivating Cross-Pollination Literacy Instruction," April 2023

Berkshires Reading Council, "Writing a Brilliant Biography," January 2015