



Dotty Beetle Books



Little Picture Books Big In Joy And Colorful Characters! For all of humanity's children!

School Visits

My aim is to lead us to a place where every child can see themselves reflected in the pages of a book, a line in a tale, and ultimately, as the creator and narrator of their own stories. I am excited about creativity - life really - and I want to share that joy with every child. I hope to inspire them about reading and writing and drawing with high energy, interactive presentations incorporating words, songs, music, rhythm and most of all, freewheeling, spontaneous, creativity.

I talk about where ideas for stories come from. How to turn those ideas into the beginning, middle and ends of stories. How to edit, revise and then edit and revise again, those same bits into succinct tales. How to enliven those stories by choosing interesting words from the not-so-typical "word box." Depending upon session length and setting live drawing may be incorporated.

I encourage questions and delight in using my simple contemporary compositions to ignite spread the truth that, we are all definitely delightfully different and yet, inherently the same - magnificently human!

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Max And Me is a story about friendship between two little boys of different colors. Yes, that's right, color, not race. Race, as we "know" it, is a social construct. There is only one true "race" - the human race. In this era of multiculturalism, we sometimes forget that people no matter their color or culture, are inherently the same.. **Max And Me** is a sweet and funny story that illustrates this fact with levity and candor.

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! I Love Bugs! turns upside down the adage "Sugar and spice and all things nice, that's what little girls are made of." Sugar and spice and all things nice, that's what Gwendoline is made of. But Gwendoline loves all things squiggly, wiggly, creepy and crawly. Yes! Gwendoline loves bugs. This colorful cacophony of critter is an exhilarating romp of a read that will have you smiling from cover to cover.

Inspired by my own two rambunctious loveables, **Uh! Oh! Where Did Baby Go?** is an endearing book that illustrates one of the many games I played to entice my sleep-averse sons, to slumber. It's bedtime for baby, but baby isn't tired. Baby doesn't want to go to bed. Baby hides. Find out how baby is finally lulled to sleep with the turn of each page. Luscious felt collage illustrations complete perfectly this endearing bedtime tale.

Each title is also available in Spanish.

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