

# How I Became an Author and Illustrator for PB

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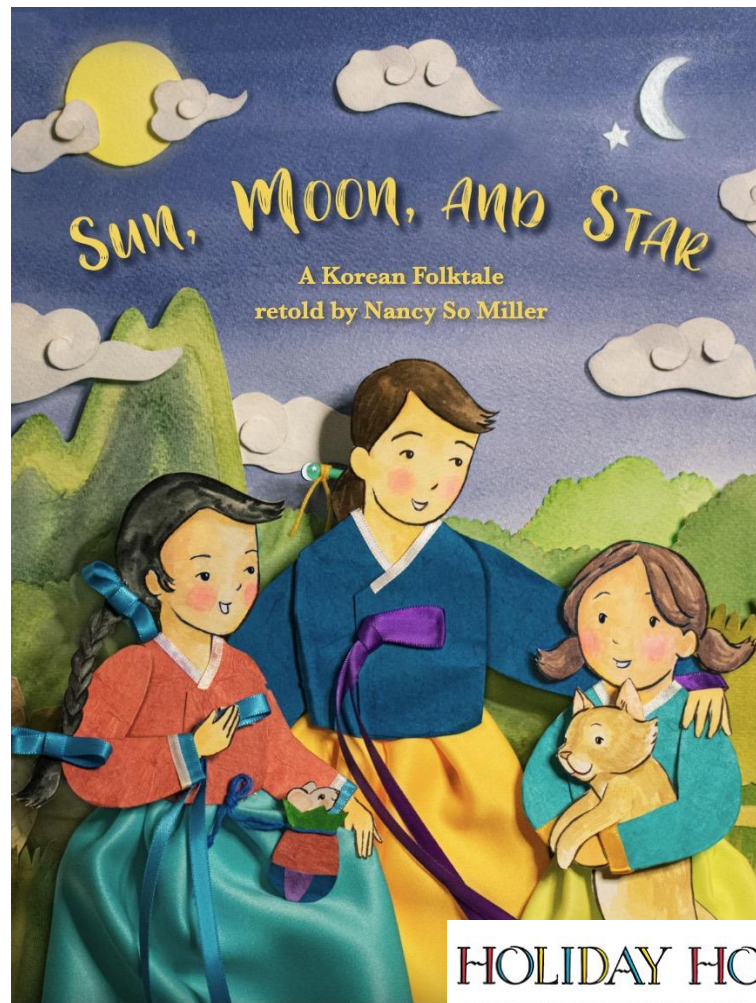
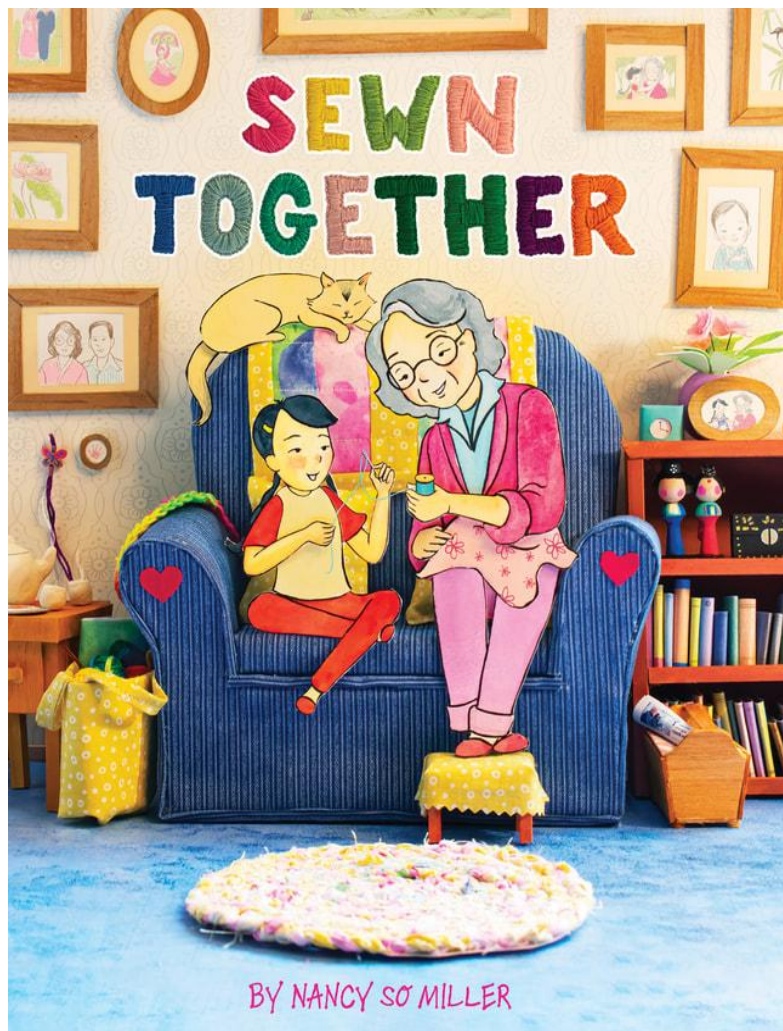
# Author/Illustrator/Art Teacher



# My Writing Inspiration







BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

# Reading Stories To Your Audience





# I WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE PICTURE BOOKS.



What teachers think I do



What kids think I do



What editors think I do



What society thinks I do



What I think I do



What I actually do

# Writing Process

- Read ALOT
- Analyze PB Manuscripts
- Child's Emotion/Thinking
- Inciting Incident
- Pacing/Page Turn
- Critique Group
- Beta Readers
- Be Prepared for Lots of Drafts



# Join the SCBWI: Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

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# Mentors

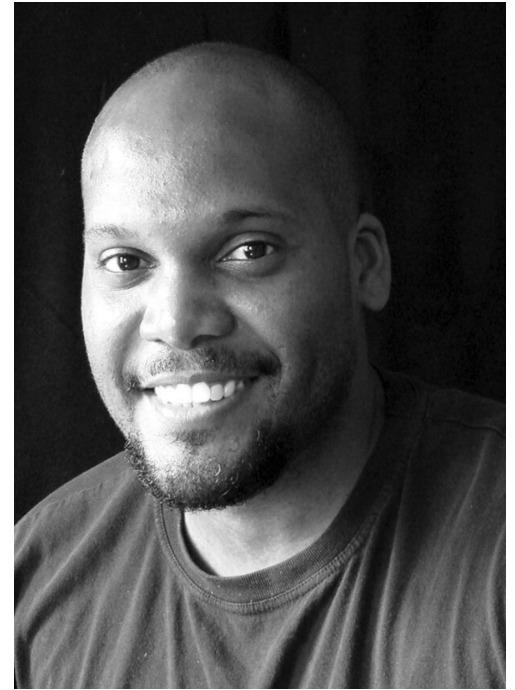
Award winning Author/Illustrator R. Gregory Christie.

He been a children's book illustrator for over 30 years and has 60 plus books he has illustrated. His recent title Sweet Justice was a recipient of the Sibert Award for Nonfiction Picture books.

He has offered internships to students of all ages to learn more about the children's book publishing and illustration.

<https://www.rgregorychristie.com/>

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# PB Writing Programs

Storyteller Academy

<https://www.storytelleracademy.com/>



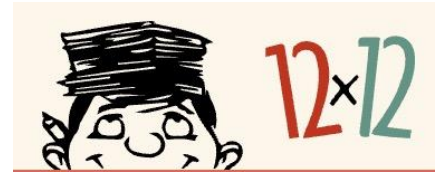
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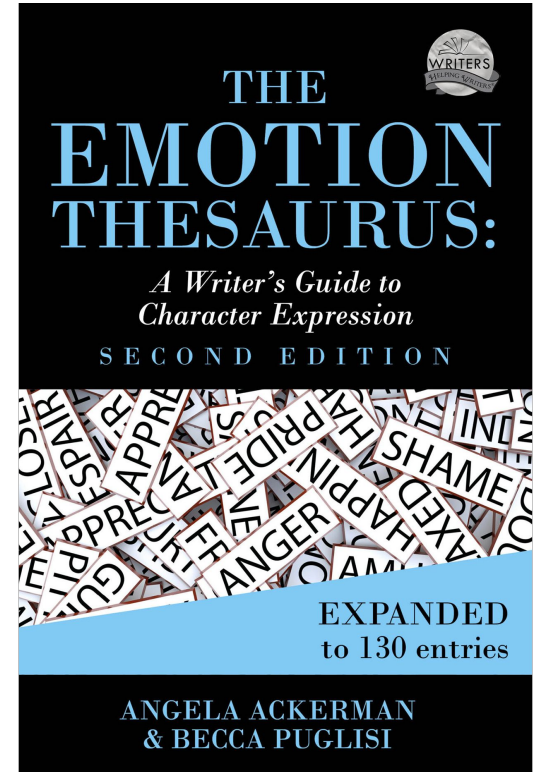
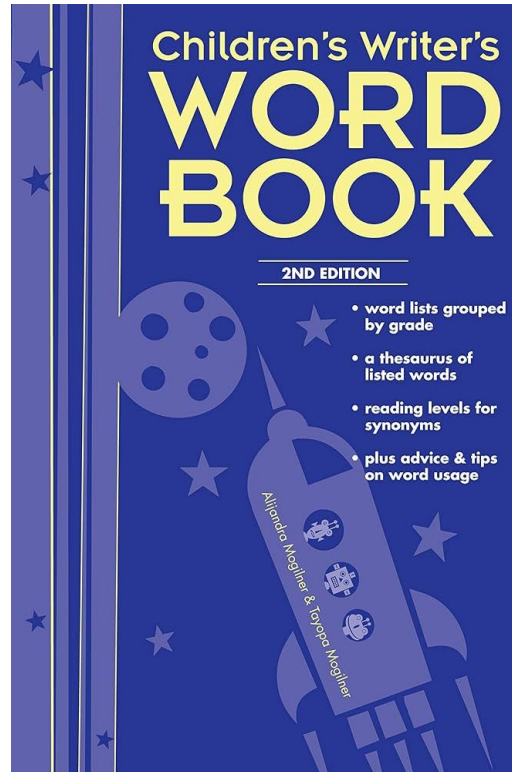
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<https://www.12x12challenge.com/>



# Writing for Picture Books





# Query Through An Agent or The Slush Pile

SCBWI The Book

<https://bitsykemper.com/publishers/>

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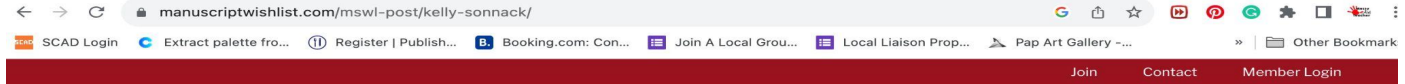
100 Publishers Accepting  
Children's Books  
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# Bookends Literary Youtube



# Manuscript Wishlist



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Wish List

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## Kelly Sonnack

Andrea Brown Literary Agency, Inc.

### My Manuscript Wish List

Favorite ☆

*she/her/hers*

I am seeking submissions in 3 categories right now:

- 1) Graphic novels – I am a long passionate reader of comics and have been representing graphic novels for over 12 years. I love humorous and/or fantastical adventures for a juvenile audience or personal, layered stories for older teen audiences. I am also very interested in nonfiction GNs for all ages.
- 2) Illustrators – I am on the lookout for dynamic illustrators, whether they're writing their own books



👤 Agent

📖 **Fiction:** Children's, Graphic Novel, LGBTQ, Middle Grade, Poetry, Young Adult

<https://www.manuscriptwishlist.com/mswl-post/kelly-sonnack/>



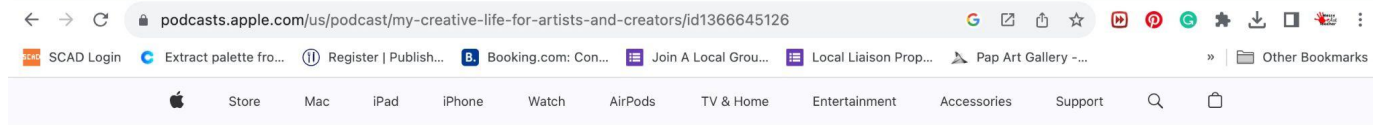


# My Friend Carolyn B. Fraiser



<https://carolynbfraiser.com/kidlit/>

# My Creative Life Podcast – Informational Interviews



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### 183 Caroline Hanlon, Illustrator

Hi Everyone! Today is my return guest Caroline Hanlon, illustrator and creator of an adorable line of handmade knit bears. Here is more about Caroline: I was born in Washington, DC in 1995, and grew up in Maryland - where you can still find me happily exploring. I'm a Summa Cum Laude alumni from...

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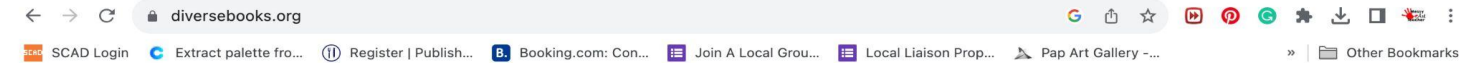
### 182 Janelle Washington, Paper-cut and Silhouette Artist

Hi Everyone, my guest today is Janelle Washing, paper-cut and silhouette artist. She is a fine artist and illustrator. Here is more about Janelle: Janelle Washington is a self-taught paper-cut and silhouette artist from Richmond, Virginia. She graduated from VCU with a BFA in Fashion Design and...

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# Good luck!

You can reach me at [nancy@nmillerillustration.com](mailto:nancy@nmillerillustration.com) with questions.