



## **AUTHOR BIO: Terry Pierce**

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### **Published Books:**

**BLACKBERRY BANQUET** (Sylvan Dell Publishing) \* *Picture Book*

**TAE KWON DO!** (Random House Step-Into-Reading) \* *Easy Reader*

**TWO TALES OF HAWAI'I** (Island Heritage Publishing) \* *Picture Book*

**GREATEST GOOFIEST JOKES** (Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.) \* *Joke & Riddle Book*

**GOOFY KNOCK-KNOCKS** (Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.) \* *Joke & Riddle Book*

**PET JOKES THAT WILL MAKE YOU HOWL!** (Co-authored with Ruth Musgrave.

Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.) \* *Joke & Riddle Book*

**MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES** (Picture Window Books) \* *Picture Book Series*

**HAWAI'I A-Z COLORING BOOK SERIES** (Bess Press) \* *Non-fiction Coloring Books*

- **Volcanoes**
- **Coral Reefs**
- **Dangerous Sea Creatures**
- **Surfing**

**BLACKBERRY BANQUET** is cumulative rhyming tale about what happens when a big, hungry bear disrupts blackberry-feasting forest animals.

**TAE KWON DO!** is a Step One emergent level reader which shows what happens a brother and sister go to tae kwon do class.

**TWO TALES OF HAWAI'I** is a beautifully illustrated picture book that tells the science and legend behind the formation of the Hawaiian Islands.

**GREATEST GOOFIEST JOKES/GOOFY KNOCK-KNOCKS/PET JOKES THAT WILL MAKE YOU HOWL!** are each 96-pages of over 500 jokes, riddles, puns and wordplays for 8-12 year olds.

**MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES** is a contemporarily illustrated collection of classic nursery rhymes. The series includes: *Forecasting Fun, Cuddly Critters, Friendly Faces, Ticktock, Counting Your Way, and Sleepytime.*

**HAWAI'I A-Z** is a non-fiction coloring book series for elementary-aged children that focus on the natural history and wildlife of the Hawaiian Islands.

Additionally, Terry does freelance magazine writing. Her work has appeared in *Cats, I Love Cats, Cat Fancy, Holidays and Seasonal Celebrations, Wee Ones E-Zine, Big Apple Parent, and The National Montessori Reporter*, amongst others.

**Upcoming Books:**

THE BONE HUNTER (Richard C. Owen 2008), a fluent easy reader about Sue Hendrickson's discover of "Tyrannosaurus Sue," the most complete T. rex skeleton found to date.

Terry is also currently working on her first children's novel, an adventure story about a group of pre-teen hikers, which takes place in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Inspiration:**

Terry has always had a love of nature. Berry picking with her son in Oregon is what inspired the idea for Blackberry Banquet. She's also always found earth sciences particularly fascinating. She's visited the Hawaiian Islands often, but in spring of 2002, she visited The Big Island for the first time. She hiked the lava fields of Kilauea (Pu'u'o'o vent) to get a closer look at Kilauea's flow. After being awestruck at the sight of a "live" volcano, she came up with the concept of creating a children's book that would tell the myth and science of how Hawai'i came to be.

Terry's love of humor is also evident in her writing, as is evidenced in her four joke books. Pierce believes that laughter is good for the spirit and stimulates the mind. Riddle writing is also a great way to motivate "reluctant writers."

Terry is a "retired" 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree black belt in tae kwon do (an injury forced her to retire from the sport). She wanted to create an easy reader for "Tiny Tigers" and other children to enjoy. She believes that easy readers open the door to a whole new world for young children. This critical genre must be written with the utmost of care and consideration, always respecting the independent young reader.

**Personal Info:**

Terry lives in the high desert community of Ridgecrest, California, where she was a Montessori pre-primary teacher for seventeen years. She has also substitute taught at all grade levels, and has taught child development classes and children's writing workshops at Cerro Coso Community College. Her interests include hiking, traveling, kayaking, cross-country skiing and reading. She's also an avid animal-lover. Her husband of 32 years (years married, not his age) is a high school drafting/engineering and woodshop teacher. Her son is a marine scientist.