



GETTING TO KNOW THE AUTHOR...

Favorite children's books: For younger children; Old Bear, Heckedy Peg, The Big Hungry Bear. Sailor Moo. For older kids; Charlotte's Web, Harry Potter, Night of the Howling Dogs, Walk Two Moons.

Favorite children's author: E.B. White, Graham Salisbury, Richard Peck.

Favorite children's movie: Sleeping Beauty (Disney animated).

Favorite children's song: Baby Beluga by Raffi.

Favorite subjects in elementary school: Art and reading.

Someone famous I admire a lot: Dr. Maria Montessori (educator); Les Stroud (survival expert).

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Barnes, my 4th grade teacher, who read "The Hobbit" to my class, amongst other fabulous stories.

My favorite place to write: Outside on a warm spring day OR in my big chair with a cat curled up on my lap.

Favorite way to write: With my blue Hello Kitty pencil and a notepad (the computer comes later for working on my revisions).

Favorite animals: Cats.

Favorite color: Blue.

Favorite treat: Ice cream.

Favorite things to do: Reading, writing, hiking, kayaking, whale watching, playing with my cats, scuba diving.

Favorite season: Spring, when the earth comes alive!

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving, when families are together.

My best Halloween costume ever: A thick, brown, fuzzy cat suit.

My best holiday gift ever: An "Easy Bake Oven" (I still love to bake).

My most embarrassing moment: When I accidentally tipped over an entire cart full of groceries in the parking lot of Albertson's...oops!

My proudest moment: As a mom, my son's birth. As an author, the first time I read one of my books to a group of kids.