

ARTISTIC RESUME

ARTIST STATEMENT:

For the past thirty-four years, I have been writing full-time, accumulating a large body of published work ranging from picture books to historical fiction for young adults and adult readers. Whatever the topic, whatever the medium—books or film—I am inspired to write stories that matter, engage, and illuminate.

EDUCATION:

1981 Graduate UMD, Duluth, MN with a B.A. in English

EMPLOYMENT: Since 1995-

*Advances and Royalties from:

University of Minnesota Press; Farrar, Straus & Giroux; Simon and Schuster;
Hyperion Books; American Girl; Houghton Mifflin; Libraries Unlimited

*Honorarium as Author:

- . Author Visits: Hundreds of schools across the country
- . Library Visits: countless library programs nationally
- . Conference Keynote: State reading conferences and Young Author conferences around the country
- . Writing Workshop Presenter/ Adjunct: Chautauqua, The Loft, Sinclair Lewis conference, Hamline University MFA in Writing for Young Readers

OTHER:

*Founder of Northwoods Young Writers (writingcamp.org) for teenagers grades 8-11

*MN Book Award Judge (Picture Book, Middle Grade, Young Adult categories)

PUBLICATIONS: since 1995-

2025-26: *NORTHWOODS LULLABY* (UMN Press)

2025-26: *THESE WINTER WOODS* (UMN Press)

2021: *WATERFALL* (UMN Press), historical novel

2018: *HUSH HUSH, FOREST* (UMN Press), picture book

2017: *ICE-OUT* (UMN Press (YA historical novel)

2016: *WAKE UP, ISLAND* (UMN Press)

2013-2015: UMN Press republished middle grade novels originally published by Hyperion:

(1995) *MOOSE TRACKS*

(1996) *RIOT*

(1997) *WOLF SHADOWS*

(1998) *STEALING THUNDER*

(1999) *CURSE OF A WINTER MOON*

(2000) *WHEN EAGLES FALL*

2013: *ONE-DOG SLEIGH*, (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, FSG, (picture book)

2012: *FROZEN*, (UMN Press, YA-Adult novel)

2011: *UTTERLY OTTERLY NIGHT*, Simon and Schuster (picture book)

2013: *SOME CAT!*, FSG (picture book)

2011: *THE DAY DIRK YELLER CAME TO TOWN*, FSG (picture book)

2012: *THE KLIPFISH CODE*, Houghton Mifflin (novel for 10 & up)

2008: *UTTERLY OTTERLY DAY*, FSG (picture book)

2007: *SOME DOG!*, Simon and Schuster (picture book)

2003: *ONE-DOG CANOE*, FSG (picture book)

2000: *THE HUNTER*, Simon and Schuster (picture book)

2006-08: *DOG WATCH SERIES*, Aladdin/ Simon and Schuster (chapter books)

TROUBLE IN PEMBROOK

DOG-NAPPED

DANGER AT SNOW HILL

TO CATCH A BURGLAR

EXTREME STUNT DOGS

THE TURTLE HATCHING MYSTERY

2007: *MARY CASANOVA AND YOU*, Libraries Unlimited (autobiography)

2000-2015: American Girl books

(2018): *A KIT MYSTERY: MENACE AT MAMMOTH CAVE*

(2018): *A REBECCA MYSTERY: THE SHOWSTOPPER*

(2015) *GRACE**

(2015) *GRACE STIRS IT UP**

(2015) *GRACES MAKES IT GREAT**

(2012) *McKENNA**

(2012) *McKENNA, READY TO FLY!**

(2009) *CHRISSA**

(2009) *CHRISSA STANDS STRONG**

(2006) *JESS*

(2002) *CECILE: GATES OF GOLD*

*** These stories were turned into movies by HBO and Universal:**

Chrissa Stands Strong; McKenna, Ready to Fly! and Grace Stirs Up Success

AWARDS include:

"Official Selection" Catalyst Content Festival for RAINY LAKE pilot

Minnesota Book Award (twice)

ALA "Notable"

Parent's Choice "Gold" Award

Booklist Editor's Choice Award

American Bookseller's Pick of the List

American Folktale Society Aesop Accolades winner

Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Award

BCCB Blue Ribbon List

Missouri "Show Me Award" winner

Kansas "Bill Martin Jr. Award" winner

Horace Mann Upstanders Honor

National Outdoor Book Award Honor

Midwest Booksellers Award