

JANET LAWLER – AUTHOR PROFILE

Janet Lawler's love of nature has been the inspiration for much of her writing. She was born and raised in Milford, Connecticut, where she and her older sister cared for chickens, dogs, rabbits, ducks, and a large garden. During bountiful summers they sold their vegetables at a roadside stand. An avid reader, Janet often rode her bike two miles to the library to check out several books at a time.

Janet attended high school, college and graduate school in Connecticut. She practiced law for several years before her second career as a children's author.

Her first picture book, ***IF KISSES WERE COLORS***, is a mother's love poem. It is in its 5th printing and has been translated into Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Hebrew. ***A FATHER'S SONG*** captures active, fun-filled moments shared between a dad and child. In ***A MAMA BUG'S LOVE***, mother bugs jump off the pages to show their affection. ***TYRANNOCLAUS*** weaves a story around two kids' favorites, Christmas and dinosaurs

Janet enjoys school and library visits and has presented at industry events. She served as a panel judge for Reading Rainbow's 13th Annual Young Writers & Illustrators contest.

Janet writes and revises in many locations – at her daughter's sport practices, at the computer, in the backyard, in the shower, and as she is falling asleep at night. She reads manuscripts and drafts out loud to anyone who will listen – her husband, her son, her daughter, her weekly writers' group, good friends, her parents, and even her dog. In her spare time, Janet loves to read, rollerblade, garden, ski and play tennis. Her critically acclaimed work includes:

IF KISSES WERE COLORS (Dial, 2003, full board edition, 2010)

"...This affectionate volume will induce a contented feeling as surely as it will inspire loving kisses. All ages." Publishers Weekly, December, 2002.

A FATHER'S SONG (Sterling, 2006, full board edition, 2008)

"...an excellent book for reading aloud and sharing one-on-one."
School Library Journal, March 2006.

A MAMA BUG'S LOVE (Little Simon, 2006)

a pop-up board book, featured in Sesame Street Magazine, August 2007

TYRANNOCLAUS (HarperCollins, 2009)

Watch for ***A MOTHER'S SONG*** (Sterling, 2010)

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