

A Note from Meg...

About Me(g)



I always feel very lucky when people ask me what I do because I LOVE what I do. I am a writer and I mostly write stories for kids. Kids make a lot of sense to me.

Who am I?

I'm pretty much the same as I was when I was little. By and large, I have the same face (see photo) and I still like wearing long-sleeved shirts under short-sleeved tees. Some things never change.

As a kid, I was always “wondering about.” I wondered out the car window, and up the branches of trees. I wondered along beaches and deep into crackling campfires. At some point I wasn't able to keep all of my wonderings to myself. Luckily, at a friend's birthday party in fifth grade, I reached into a grab bag and pulled out a journal.

Something about it seemed to whisper, *what if?* That's when I fell in love with journaling. After dinner I'd flop on my bed and spill the juiciest, saddest and funniest news of the day.

It wasn't long before my journals turned into fictitious stories, poetry, one-act plays and song parodies. (Actually, song parodies got me through high school. I sang my way through *Antigone*, *Speech/Com*, *German I, II, III and IV*, *Twelve Angry Men* and even *Geometry*, if you can imagine.) Regardless of medium, be it canvas, music, pottery, drama or paper & quill, it's safe to say that storytelling has been a constant thread winding intricately through the pages of my life.

I now write from my home outside of San Francisco, where I live with my husband, our three amazing kids and our scratchy-sniffy dog. I enjoy visiting schools, libraries and writers' conferences to share my passion for writing with kids and adult-kids of any age.



Meg Fleming is an award-winning children’s book author, Literary Art's Ambassador and big-time laugher. Her books have earned starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly but most importantly, they are loved by dreamers of all ages. Also a voice teacher and former music educator, Meg draws on her love of rhythm, rhyme, and lyricism to create and imagine stories.

Meg is the author of *Sometimes Rain*, listed as a 2019 ALA Top 10 PB for Sustainability (illustrated by Diana Sudyka). *Ready, Set, Sail!*, a 2019 Illinois Reads book (illustrated by Luke Flowers). *Ready, Set, Build!* (illustrated by Jarvis) and *I Heart You*, a Society of Midland Authors award winner (illustrated by Sarah Jane Wright). Coming soon from Beach Lane Books— *Here Comes Ocean* (illustrated by Paola Zakimi) in 2020 and *Wondering Around* and *Wondering Around* (illustrated by Richard Jones) in 2022. New from Dial Books in 2021, *Sounds Like School Spirit* (illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins).

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