

This is the Wind

September 2008

*This is the mouse that crawled in the house
to stay nice and warm
from the wind that blew
on the farm
on the night you were born...*



In this gently humorous book the wind leads readers and listeners through the pages of a poetic tale of two mothers—one human, one mouse—recounting the story of giving birth to their children. Lyrically and rhythmically, the repeating chorus “This is the wind that blew on the farm on the night you were born...” guides us through the text as each page adds a continuing line to a song of new life. Gorgeous illustrations show the human world and the tiny mouse world, both under the same lush moonlight. A treasure for any mother-to-be or new parent.

The Cat Came Back

August 2005



What the critics have to say about ‘Cat’-

“... Reichert hangs plenty of subplot and detail, depicted in a luminous, soft edged style... that plays nicely to the hilariously exaggerated dismay of toothless old bachelor Mr. Johnson and his finned and feathered pets. A fine showcase, and a memorable children’s debut, for Reichert.”

Kirkus Reviews, August 1, 2005

“Reichert’s rich and creamy pastels capture the sleek orange superkitty in all its silly glory...”

Publishers Weekly 2005

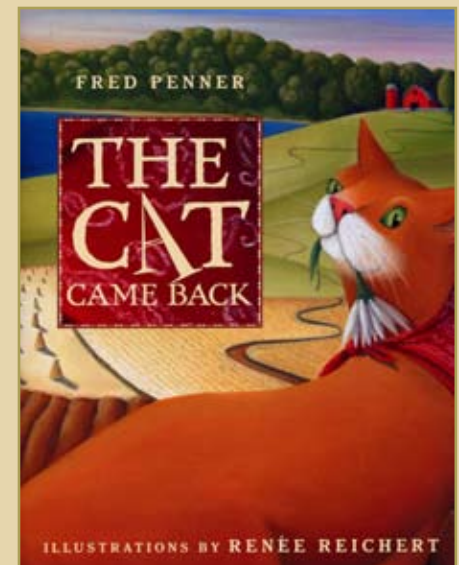
“The book has all of the elements of a funny children’s song/story, with extreme measures matched up with hilarious results. It’s loads of fun.”

School Library Journal, Jane Marino
Bronxville Public Library



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The Making of a Picture Book



Renée Reichert
Illustrator
Educational Programs

Profile

Renée Reichert, artist, designer, illustrator and teacher, has her MS in Art Education and BFA in Design. She began her career in illustration after falling in love with her own children's picture books. Renée's work is widely recognized for its lush, velvety pastels, fantasy, and narrative quality. In questioning 'what if?' in our every day world, she will stir your students' imaginations and inspire them to look at their world differently.

Awards

*Society of Illustrators' Certificate of Merit
New York ADDY citation
Summit Creative award; gold, bronze*

Her work can be seen in:

This is the Wind, Liz Rosenberg, Roaring Brook Press 2008

The Cat Came Back, Fred Penner, Roaring Brook Press 2005

Society of Illustrator's 41st Annual Exhibition, book

Spectrum 8: The Best of Contemporary Fantastic Art, book



Teaching

Renée has many years of experience as an artist-in-residence.

Programs

Renée can present up to 4 programs p/day, each 40-50 minutes with time allotted for book signing.

K-2

*Renée first reads either *This is the Wind* or *The Cat Came Back*. 'Cat' is followed by a students' sing-along with the book and Fred Penner's (author/singer) CD. Pictures of models used in the books are shown, followed by Q&A. Finally Renée creates a drawing for students using their ideas.*

(Note -Kindergarten classes are 30 min.)

3-8

With older students Renée brings in her original art, sketches & dummies and discusses the book illustration process step by step. (Powerpoint presentation where equipment is available.) She talks about where she gets her ideas, provides drawing tips and Q&A. The level of detail increases with grade level.

9-12, adult

For high school students and adults, the program is the same as for the 8th grade, except Renée includes a discussion of the creative process from idea to editorial input, and finally marketing.

Fee contact Renée

Helpful Tips

- 1. Introduce the students to Renée's books before her visit.*
- 2. Have the students prepare questions that they would like to ask Renée.*

Narrative Art

