

Debra Frasier

Author & Illustrator of Children's Picture Books
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RESUME

- 1953 Born, April 3, Vero Beach, Florida
- 1976 BA, Florida State University
- 1977-80 Penland School of Crafts, North Carolina
- 1981-83 Also: Aspen Theatre Institute, summer workshops,
Institute de Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Books Written and Illustrated

- 1991 On the Day You Were Born
- 1998 Out of the Ocean
- 2000 Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster
- 2004 The Incredible Water Show
- 2007 A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake (Fall 2006)
(note: the five books above published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Inc.)
- 2010 A Fabulous Fair Alphabet
- 2013 SPIKE, Ugliest Dog in the Universe
(note: the two books above published by Beach Lane Books, Simon & Schuster)

Books Illustrated

- 1992 The Animal That Drank Up Sound, by William Stafford
- 1994 We Got Here Together, by Kim Stafford
- 2002 In the Space of the Sky, by Richard Lewis
(note: all books published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Inc.)

Video

- 1997 Creative Consultant and Director of Animation for *On the Day You Were Born*, the Symphony, produced by the Minnesota Orchestra NotesAlive! brand and winner of the American Library Association's *Carnegie Award* for Best Video for Children.

Selected Sculpture Awards

- 1980 National Endowment for the Arts Project Grant
- 1982 Art Park Wind Sculpture Commission, Buffalo, NY

- 1983 Walker Arts Center, Art-in-the-Park installation, Minneapolis, MN
1984 Three Rivers Arts Festival Sculpture Award Commission
1986 Pris de Paris, American Center, Sculpture Residency, Cite des Arts -1987

Selected Book Awards

On the Day You Were Born: 1991

- Parent's Choice Gold Award
- Hungry Mind Review Book of Distinction
- Notable Children's Trade Book in Language Arts
- NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book for Children
- Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies
- ABC Children's Bookseller's Choice
- Reading Rainbow, Feature Selection

Out of the Ocean: 1998

- Southeast Booksellers Association Children's Book Gold Award
- Minnesota Book Award for Illustration
- ABA's Pick of the Lists
- National Parenting Publication Honor Award

Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster: 2000

- International Reading Association Children's Choice Award
- International Reading Association Teacher's Choice Award
- Offspring Magazine, Best Book of the Year
- Oprah's Summer Reading List Selection

The Animal That Drank Up Sound: 1992

- American Booksellers Association Pick of the Lists
- Book of the Month Selection
- American Institute for Graphic Arts, Best of 1992 Selection

We Got Here Together: 1994

- American Booksellers Association Pick of the Lists

Career Honors

- 1997 Selected by the American Booksellers for Children (ABC), campaign artist and spokesperson, national READ WITH A CHILD campaign
- 2001 Selected as BookExpo Children's Book Dinner Honored Author, celebrating the tenth anniversary of On the Day You Were Born, Chicago, American Booksellers for Children

- 2010 Minnesota State Fair Author in Residence, founder of the Alphabet Forest Literacy Project, 2010-ongoing
- 2010 Loft McKnight Award in Children's Literature

Archive Research Collections

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