

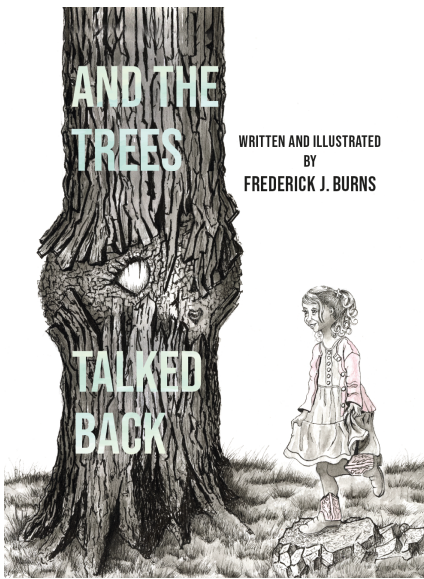


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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

***New Children's Book And The Trees Talked Back Teaches Young Readers How to Embrace the Needs of Others***

**HADLEY, MA** —Foreword Publicity announces release of the new children's book, *And The Trees Talked Back*, written and illustrated by Frederick J. Burns.



Meet Amanda, an extraordinary child with a unique gift — she can talk to trees. Living in a quaint village with a mystical forest, Amanda's life takes an enchanting turn when she seeks out her inquisitive cat, Daisy. As the sun sets and the moonlight casts its glow, the duo embark on a thrilling night-time adventure.

As Amanda encounters ancient trees, she uncovers a world she never knew existed, where wisdom and acceptance coexist with fear and hatred. Amidst the rustling leaves and haunting shadows, she confronts the duality of nature, discovering the true meaning of good and evil. Her bonds with nature deepen and she learns to navigate the world where choices shape destinies.

Burns was inspired to write *And The Trees Talked Back* during the pandemic, when he was out on an evening walk. He came upon a tree that looked like an elephant, and over the next few weeks, spotted other trees with personalities he could use as characters in a story.

“The story developed to counteract the distance people felt from each other during the pandemic. Amanda promotes fellowship by showing empathy, finding commonalities, and developing friendships with others that at first seem so different from herself,” Burns said.

Through this heartwarming and beautifully illustrated tale of wonder, good-will and self-discovery, Burns hopes that young readers will come away with a sense that light overcomes darkness and that good triumphs over evil.

Prior to its official release, the book received a glowing 5-star review from the prestigious Readers' Favorite.

“*And The Trees Talked Back* can teach us all a lesson or two about embracing the needs of others.” - Readers' Favorite

Burns, always an artist on the inside, breaks through his trial attorney exterior at age 63, to write and illustrate his first children's book, *And The Trees Talked Back*. Three years in the making, Burns strives to convey a world where community is more important than differences, where understanding is more important than disdain and where making friends is more important than creating enemies. With no formal art training, Burns enjoys working in and learning new mediums and styles. His art has won awards in juried competitions, and has been displayed on billboards, in government offices, at the D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts. One of his recent paintings now graces the cover of musician Dave Brinnel's second CD, *ALONE*. His detailed illustrations of trees using pen and ink with washes of watercolor have been compared to the fantastical illustrations of Arthur Rackham and Maurice

Sendak. Burns lives in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts with his wife, Heather, and two dogs, where he is developing ideas for his next book.

For more information on the author, visit his [website](#). To set up an interview, please contact [info@forewordpublicity.com](mailto:info@forewordpublicity.com).

*And The Trees Talked Back* (ISBN: 979-8988925422) is on sale November 4 at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The accompanying eBook on Amazon will be available by the end of the year.

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