

PATRICIA POLACCO

Patricia Polacco has written and illustrated more than sixty picture books for children. She was born on July 11, 1944 in Lansing, Michigan.

Her parents divorced when she was three years old and she and her Mom lived on her grand-parents farm in Michigan. She loved hearing the stories that her grand-parents and extended family told. These stories became the basis for many of her books.

As a child, Patricia loved to draw and was very talented! School was very difficult and she was teased because she was different. Patricia struggled with reading until she was almost fourteen years old - that's when a teacher recognized her learning disability and helped her learn in a different way. This truly changed her life!

Patricia went on to earn her college degree in Fine Art and even received her Ph.D. (doctorate) in Art History.

Patricia did not start writing and illustrating books until she was 41 years old! Her first book, Meteor (1987) was written about a meteor that landed in her grand-parents front yard! Patricia gets many of her ideas from real life events.

Patricia has two children. She currently lives in Union City, Michigan.

