



"I've always loved books, and a good question."

MORE FROM B. G. HENNESSY

Especially a question that has more than one answer. I start working on a book by looking for a question children would find interesting. Does the world change when a baby is born? Do teachers get nervous the night before the first day of school? What would make someone "happy ever after?" Where do clouds sleep? Who are Eney, Meeney, Miney, Mo? What does Neverland look like? Sometimes the questions are more practical; What are the Olympics? Why do you need so many trucks to build a road? What happens at a wedding? The fun of writing a book is in coming up with the right question. The hard part is coming up with interesting answers.

I grew up on Long Island, graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon School, attended St. Lawrence University, and earned my art degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. I began my career in children's books first as a book designer, then as the art director of Viking Children's Books, and now as the author of 40 books, published in over ten languages. My books have been honored with two Parenting Magazine Reading Magic Awards, an IRA/Children's Choice Award, a Bookseller Pick of the Lists, and a Bank Street Best Book of the Year, among others. But, truly, the top "award" is when a child says, "Read it again!"

PARTIAL BOOK LIST

THE DINOSAUR WHO LIVED IN MY BACKYARD	A CHRISTMAS WISH FOR CORDUROY
THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF	CORDUROY TAKES A BOW
ROAD BUILDERS	CORDUROY LOST AND FOUND
CLAIRE AND THE UNICORN	CORDUROY'S CHRISTMAS
THE ONCE UPON A TIME MAP BOOK	CORDUROY GOES TO THE BEACH
THE SCARY PLACES MAP BOOK	CORDUROY GETS A PET
ONE LITTLE, TWO LITTLE, THREE LITTLE PILGRIMS	CORDUROY'S HALLOWEEN
SCHOOL DAYS	CORDUROY GOES TO SCHOOL

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THERE'S A LAP FOR THAT PROJECT

My newest project, There's a Lap for That Read Aloud Library, grew out of my belief in the importance of reading aloud to children. Children, and their parents, are spending too much time in front of one type of screen or another. From the busiest parent, to the most frazzled teacher, to the most frustrated child, reading together is something everyone can enjoy.

Our early experiences of being read to nurture a love of books. Reading together creates a unique bond between reader and child. There is no multitasking when you have a child on your lap. A physical book requires no batteries, no downloading, just your attention and imagination. A love of reading begins on the lap of a parent or on the floor of a classroom. Our goal is to find, and share, books that develop a love of story, a love of books, and a love for each other. One book at a time, one lap at a time, one child at a time.

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Share a book.

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