



Write it... Illustrate it

• Steps for you to write a book and get it published:

- 1) Get an idea
- 2) Write it down and think about it
- 3) Get the seat of your pants in the seat of the chair and actually write your book
- 4) Rewrite it until you think its great
- 5) Read read read other peoples books
- 6) Get this book:
Children's Writers and Illustrators Market 2006
Writers Digest books
(Available at Barnes and Nobel)
- 7) Follow the instructions for submitting your work listed in the guide.
- 8) Keep writing
- 9) Keep sending stuff out.

• Steps for you to illustrate a book:

- 1) Make a portfolio of at least 15 excellent pieces of art in a consistent style
- 2) Make sure you have children in some of the art
- 3) Look at what is being done by other illustrators
- 4) Get the book mentioned above and follow the directions for submitting your work
- 5) Keep painting and submitting

• There isn't any secret to becoming a children's book writer or illustrator. Here's my advice:

Do the work.

Work hard.

Keep your eyes and ears open.

Look at the most beloved writers and illustrators.

Learn from them.

Be yourself.

Know your medium.

Have excellent technique.

Be inspired by what you love.

Work from your heart.

Keep at it.

Don't give up

Get out there and be seen.

Keep working.

Keep sending stuff out.

Be passionate about what you do.

A little luck doesn't hurt.