

## JANET LAWLER — AUTHOR PROFILE



Janet Lawler’s love of nature and family inspires much of her writing. She was born and raised in Milford, Connecticut, where she and her older sister cared for chickens, dogs, rabbits, ducks, and a large garden. During bountiful summers they sold their vegetables at a roadside stand. An avid reader, Janet often rode her bike two miles to the library to check out several books at a time.

Janet attended high school, college, and law school in Connecticut. She practiced law for several years before her second career as a children’s author.

Her mother’s love poem, ***IF KISSES WERE COLORS***, is in its 10<sup>th</sup> printing and has been translated into Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Hebrew. ***LOVE IS REAL*** celebrates the nature of unconditional love in all the “little things” from sunrise to sunset. ***SNOWZILLA*** is the story of a giant snowman that causes chaos before Cami Lou and her brother unite their town and save the big fella. Janet also writes early non-fiction, including books published by National Geographic: ***OCEAN COUNTING*** (2014 National Science Teacher Association Outstanding Science Trade Book) and ***RAIN FOREST COLORS***.

Janet enjoys school and library visits. Her presentations span most seasons and holidays and are educational and entertaining. She has presented at publishing industry regional conferences of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators and was a judge for Reading Rainbow’s 13th Annual Young Writers & Illustrators contest.

Janet writes and revises in many locations—at her daughter’s sport events, at the computer, in the backyard, in the shower, and as she is falling asleep at night. She reads manuscripts and drafts out loud to family members, her weekly writers’ group, good friends, her parents, and even her dog and a lizard. In her spare time, Janet loves to read, rollerblade, garden, take nature walks, and play tennis.

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