

MEET JOAN PALEY

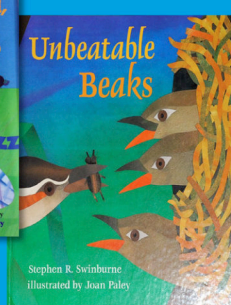
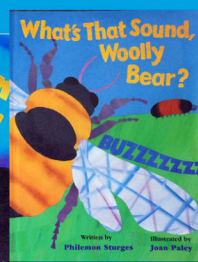
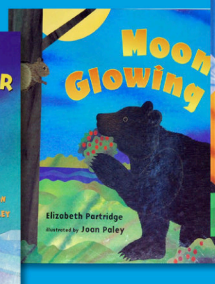
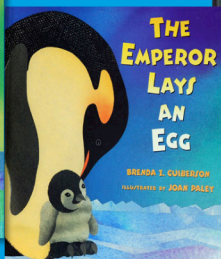
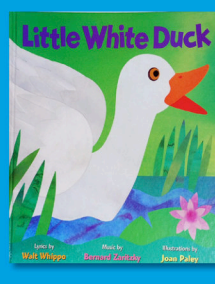


"Each book is an adventure. I wonder where this book will take me and who I will meet along the way."

Every time Joan Paley begins drawing pictures for a new children's book, she thinks of herself as an explorer. First she starts reading and re-searching at home and at the library. Sometimes she even consults scientists and other experts just to make sure she gets her facts straight. Then she starts sketching: first, a thumbnail (little) version of the whole book. Next she paints paper and looks through her collection of textured paper. Finally she cuts shapes to make her beautiful collage illustrations. Joan went to the Massachusetts College of Art and studied lithography. She worked in the textbook publishing field until starting her book illustration work. Joan loves animals and the natural world. She lives with her husband and a Dalmatian, a large brown dog, and two cats in North Scituate, Massachusetts.



Some of the books Joan illustrated:



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"Chicken Little" by Joan Paley