

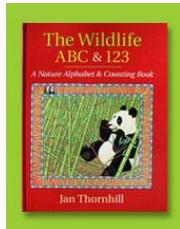
Inaugural Killaloe Kids' BookFest

Jan Thornhill



An award-winning author, illustrator and designer for more than 20 years.

Books for Primary Grades



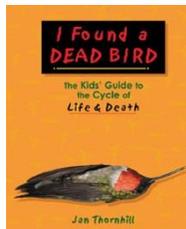
The ***Wildlife abc & 123*** are known nationally and internationally for their exquisite illustrations. In these books Jan shares her love of animals, nature and the environment with her readers.

Finalist - Information Book Award (The Children's Literature Roundtables of Canada)
Finalist for the Governor General's Award for Children's Illustration

Winter's Coming is a gentle story about what happens to the animals when winter comes. It is a sweet introduction to the concept of seasons with a likeable heroine, Lily the bunny.



A Book for Grades 4 to 8



I Found a Dead Bird: the Kid's Guide to the Cycle of Life and Death

This dynamic, thought-provoking book is remarkably life-affirming making connections to the world around us and fitting death into the natural and on-going cycle of life. Ms. Thornhill doesn't shirk from the reality, but she still gives readers scope to think on the more philosophical and spiritual matters surrounding death, without imposing any value judgments.

National Parenting Publication Awards (NAPPA) 2006 Gold Award

Presentation Options for All Grades

Her ***"Museum-in-a-bag"*** natural science presentation exhibiting animal skulls, dinosaur bones, mounted insects, feathers, shed snake skin, mummified hummingbirds, etc. is usually a great favorite with children. Her talks can be adapted to suit any age group and she is always happy to focus on requested curriculum tie-ins such as science, language arts, and illustration.

Structured around a slide show, she can not only discuss wildlife, but also her **illustrations**, and the book-making process. As some of her more recent illustrations were done primarily on computer, she can also explain the digital techniques I used step by step. If requested, she will do short readings as well.

For her evening presentation, kids and adults alike will be fascinated by her passion for wildlife and how that is reflected in her writing and art, her illustration techniques, and her process for deciding what she wants to write about, and why.

Jan Thornhill grew up in a rural Ontario environment. Her passion for nature, travel, writing, and illustration shines through every one of her books. Her presentations are tried and true: for the past 15 years she has been visiting schools all across Canada.

Her website contains much more information about her and her work: www.janthornhill.com