



BIO - Joanne Lécuyer
Author and Owner of Topsy Books



Joanne has always loved books, especially how the stories and images can create a whole new world. As a teenager, she would often draw her favourite images from fantasy books and posters.

In 1986, Joanne enrolled in the Visual Arts Program at the University of Ottawa. During the program, she realized that while she loved art, it was more of a hobby not something she wanted to do as a career. While looking at the other programs that were being offered at Ottawa U, she found that the courses related to personal and organizational communications seemed interesting. To her surprise, adding this concentration opened up a whole new avenue, one that continues to evolve even today—especially with all the new technology. Needless to say, Joanne's been curious and interested in communications ever since.

In recent years, Joanne's writing has been moving from business to pleasure. She has now found her true passion—writing imaginative and positive fantasy books for kids, and for those who are still young at heart. Her personal motto is "Dare to imagine and believe in the magic of possibilities!"

Joanne Lécuyer was born in Timmins, Ontario (Canada) but spent most of her life in North Bay, Ontario. She has been living in a small rural community outside of Ottawa, for the last 12 years. Joanne has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Visual Arts from the University of Ottawa and a Diploma in Public Administration from the University of Quebec. She also has a Professional and Personal Coach Certification from Concordia University, and is a Reiki Master. Joanne has worked for the federal government for over 25 years, with the last 15 years in strategic and organizational communications, helping management and employees communicate better. Her most recent assignment is helping implement a change management strategy in the organization where she works.

Joanne is a member of the *Canadian Children's Book Centre* and the *Ottawa Independent Writers*. She offers interactive writing workshops for kids 7 to 12 (or grades 4-6), in schools and camps.

Joanne Lécuyer lives with her husband Rick, their dog Kato and their two cats, Black Magic and Minx. In her spare time, she loves to read, write, watch movies, and spend time with friends and family. She loves to learn and try new things.

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