



# Bio for Joanne Lécuyer



Joanne Lécuyer is a Canadian independent author who loves writing positive fantasy chapter books for kids.

Joanne has always loved books, especially how the stories and images can create a whole new world. As a teenager, she enjoyed drawing her favourite images from fantasy books and posters. Now she's having even more fun telling the stories!

As author and owner of Topsy Books, Joanne gets to invent characters and places and works with different illustrators to help bring her stories to life.

Her vision for her “*Topsy Books*” is to stir the imagination and creativity of kids, and the young at heart, by writing stories that touch upon life experiences in a way that is positive, imaginative and most of all fun.

Joanne is a member of the of the *Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators* (SCBWI), *Ottawa Independent Writers* (OIW), *l'Association des auteurs et auteures de l'Outaouais* (AAAO), *l'Association des auteurs et auteurs de l'Ontario français* (AAOF), *la Fédération québécoise du loisir littéraire* (FQLL), and the *Canadian Children's Book Centre* (CCBC). She also offers interactive writing workshops to inspire kids to read and, to become future writers and illustrators.

Her catalogue of books includes: *The Witch, the Cat and the Egg* (2010), *Kaptain Vamp* (2011), *The Tales of Anex and Bit* (2012), *La sorcière, le chat et l'oeuf* (2012), *Kapitaine Vampire* (2014), *The Witch, the Cat, and the Water Dragon* (2014), *My Friend Merlin* (2014), and *A Pocketful of Rainbows* (2016). New books will be available in the fall 2017.

Joanne Lécuyer lives in Gatineau, Québec. She has a BA in Communications and Visual Arts from the University of Ottawa, a Diploma in Public Administration from the University of Quebec, and a Professional and Personal Coach Certification from Concordia University. She is also a Reiki Master. Joanne is a Director in the federal government where she has worked for over 30 years.

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