Denise Fleming
Allison Hillow
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About her...

• Born January 31, 1950
• In Toledo, OH
• Family
  – Met husband, David, at Kendall college of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, MI
  – Had daughter named Indigo in 1975.
  – 5 million pets...
How did she get started?

• As a child:
  - Spent hours in her dad’s workshop making things from paper-mâché and wood
  - Liked to draw & paint - night scenes - crayon resist technique
The real push...

Brought home lots and lots of picture books for Indigo and thought 'I can do that!' so she did!!!
Art Style

• Pulp painting
  - Making paper using cotton fibers placed in water, mixed together
  - Cuts/stencils desired shape from paper
  - Layers paper to achieve desired affect/picture
Her explanation...

• “Cotton rag fiber suspended in water (a wet, messy, colorful slurry) is poured through hand-cut stencils (made from foam meat trays) onto a screen (a window screen will do). The result—an image in handmade paper. The paper is the picture. The picture is the paper.”

http://www.denisefleming.com/pages/papermaking.html
Welcome to Teaching Books - Denise Fleming
Writing Style

• Simple
• Most rhyme
• Great for really little kids
• Onomatopoeia – sound words
• Pictures enhance story
• Subject: covers everything, lots of animals though, nature-science oriented
Books
In the Tall, Tall Grass

- 1991 - First book ever
- Summary: A boy observes different animals and insects in the tall, tall grass.
In the Tall, Tall Grass

• "Bold, bright, stylized illustrations capture eye and imagination as they convey the simple, rhyming text of this outstanding nature tale." -- School Library Journal, starred review

• http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/tallgrass.htm
Lunch

• 1992

• Summary: A mouse who eats everything in sight for lunch.
Lunch

• "Fleming's feisty mouse peeks out of a hole in the wall and spies a table laden with goodies -- a smorgasbord of fruits and vegetables in bold colors. With each turn of the page, the hungry mouse samples one colorful food after another: crisp white turnip, tasty orange carrot, sweet yellow corn, tender green peas. Children will love to guess what food comes next . . ." -- Booklist

http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/lunch.htm
In the Small, Small Pond

- 1993 – Caldecott honor
- Summary: “A frog's-eye view of life in a pond throughout the seasons. “

http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/bookshelf.htm
In the Small, Small Pond

• "The animals and insects that live on and in freshwater pond wiggle, waddle, hover, swoop and swirl through the stunning spreads . . . Young children are introduced to the basic habits of common North American wildlife and the characteristics of changing seasons even as they are treated to an array of zipper verbs." -- Publishers Weekly, starred review

http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/smallpond.htm
Barnyard Banter

- 1994

- Summary: All the barnyard animals are looking for goose.
Barnyard Banter

• "Strong rhythm and rhyme, plus fun onomatopoeic animal sounds demand reading aloud." -- School Library Journal, starred review

• http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/barnyard.htm
The Everything Book

• 2000
• Summary: Literally a book of everything, from poems about traffic lights and learning to a labeled picture of a human body.
The Everything Book

• "Fleming makes learning a fun, colorful experience . . . This unique combination of playfulness and learning . . . will keep young readers enthralled. [The Everything Book] truly has everything." --Kirkus, starred review

http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/everything.htm
Buster

- 2003
- Summary: Buster, the dog, thinks his life is ruined, when Betty, the cat, is added to the family. Watch him as he overcomes his fear.
Buster

- "The format, as well as the use of repetitive language, makes this heartwarming tale a good choice for emergent readers, while the eye-catching illustrations make it perfect for either groups or one-on-one sharing." -- School Library Journal

- [http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/buster.htm](http://www.henryholtchildrensbooks.com/deniseflemingclub/buster.htm)
The First Day of Winter

- 2005
- Summary: To the tune of the “12 days of Christmas”, a child builds a snowman, adding a different part to him each day, until the 10th day.
The First Day of Winter

• “A cumulative tale in the Twelve Days of Christmas format, this is the story of a snowman in the making. Beginning with a red cap on the first day of winter, a special friend brings snowman a different gift on each of ten consecutive days. Each spread done in Fleming's classic collage gives readers a variety of perspectives all the way up to the horizontal flip that illustrates the completed snowman. Children will enjoy it as a read aloud or an independent read.”

Other Books

• Count! - 1992
• Where Once There Was a Wood - 1996
• Time to Sleep - 1997
• Mamma Cat Has Three Kittens - 1998
• Pumpkin Eye - 2001
• Alphabet Under Construction - 2002
• The Cow Who Clucked - 2006
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