

# RAVES & REVIEWS

## HEDGEHOG NEEDS A HUG (Putnam)

“This sweet tale of finding comfort in unexpected places can also be a conversation starter for discussions on fear, expectations, or sadness.”

– *School Library Journal*

“Wordplay and engaging images are joined expertly to a theme of love and compassion.” – *Kirkus*

“Betton gives the long-lamented lot of the lonely, risky-to-embrace hedgehog a gentle and winsome recast... in a sweet conclusion that amplifies the story’s directive to look beyond appearances and eschew stereotypes, Hedgehog finds his hug.” – *Publisher’s Weekly*

## BARN AT NIGHT (Feeding Minds Press)

“This sweet story describes in gentle detail... what really goes on in a barn during seemingly peaceful nighttime hours... Quiet and peaceful—an antidote to the daytime hustle and bustle of city life.” – *Kirkus*

## TWILIGHT CHANT (Clarion)

“A lovely, lyrical visual and verbal exploration of the wonders of twilight.”

– *Kirkus*

“A lovely science picture book.”

– *Booklist*

“A visually and poetically beautiful title... a must-have for most libraries.”

– *School Library Journal*

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# 2023-2024 Speaking Fees

Local In-Person Visit (DFW area)

Full day (3 sessions) \$850

Half-day (2 sessions) \$550

Virtual Visit

Full day (3 sessions) \$700

Single session \$250

## Contact Jen and book a visit!

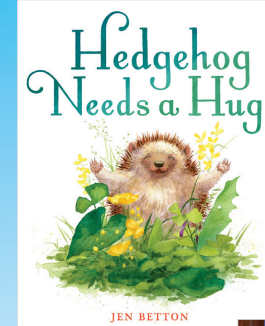
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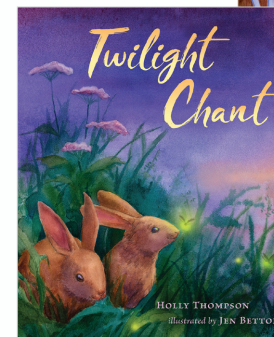
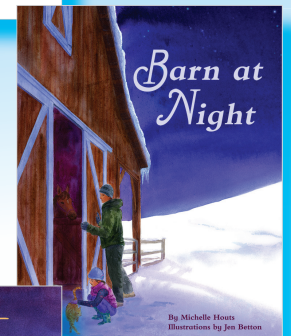
# Jen Betton

Children’s  
Book  
Author &  
Illustrator



Winner of  
Pennsylvania’s  
Keystone to  
Reading Award

Mississippi’s  
Magnolia Award  
finalist



NCTE (National  
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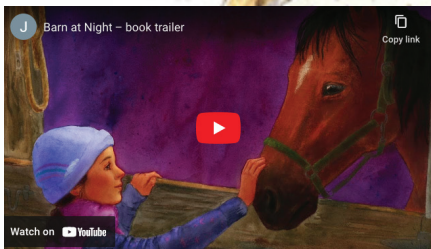
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## About Jen



Jen is both an author and an illustrator. She used to teach art to big kids in college, but now she makes stories for shorter kids. She grew up in California and Pennsylvania, playing in the ocean and climbing trees. These days she lives near Dallas with her family and way too many fish.

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Watch book trailers for all of Jen's books on YouTube (search for Jen Betton book trailer)

## Celebrate Reading, Writing, and Illustrating

### Jen's school presentations

are tailored by grade level so that students stay excited and engaged. As both an author and an illustrator she covers the whole scope of book creation and can lead students in both writing and illustrating activities.

Hands-on workshops are available for older students, and cover topics like storytelling techniques, revision, and mentor texts.

Jen can do large group presentations, but small groups provide the most memorable and interactive experience.

### What can students expect?

*(activities vary by grade)*

- Drawing games
- Elements of story
- Writing tips
- Illustration demos
- Book creation from idea to bookshelf
- Research, editing and revision
- Q & A

