# **April Jones Prince**

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## Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., Journalism & Mass Communication, 1997 UNC Honors Program, London School of Economics, 1995 Radcliffe Publishing Course, Certificate in Publishing, 1997

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, "Diet and Exercise in Seventeen Magazine, 1965-1995"

# **Employment History**

2015-Present	Lecturer in Literary Arts & Studies, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
2002-Present	Editor/Agent, Studio Goodwin Sturges, Boston, MA and Providence, RI
1999-Present	Children's Author and Freelance Writer, various publishers
1999-2002	Children's Bookseller, Borders Bookshop, Framingham, MA
1998-1999	Assistant Editor, HarperCollins Children's Books, New York, NY
1997-1998	Editorial Assistant, Morrow Junior Books, New York, NY

# **Publishing**

## Children's Books

In This Library (Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, forthcoming)

You Are a Reader/You Are a Writer (Holiday House, 2021)

Snowy Race (Holiday House, 2019)

101 Trucks and Other Mighty Rulers of the Road (Scholastic, 2019)

101 Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Reptiles (Scholastic, 2018)

Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2017)

Who Was Frederick Douglass? (Penguin Workshop, 2014)

Dig In! (Abrams/Appleseed, 2013)

Dive In! (Abrams/Appleseed, 2013)

Jackie Robinson: He Led the Way (Penguin Workshop, 2008)

Valentine Friends (Scholastic, 2007)

What Do Wheels Do All Day? (Houghton Mifflin, 2006)

Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing (Houghton Mifflin, 2005)

Who Was Mark Twain? (Penguin Workshop, 2004)

Meet Our Flag, Old Glory (Little, Brown, 2004)

## Ghostwritten children's books

Celebrity picture book published by major New York trade book publisher, 2007

Series of 13 extensively researched picture, chapter, and middle-grade books for nonfiction series published by major New York trade book publisher, 2001-2005

#### **Book Reviews**

Serious Farm by Tim Egan, The Five Owls 2004
Scranimals by Jack Prelutsky, The Five Owls 2003
Rise the Moon by Eileen Spinelli, The Five Owls 2003
They Came From the Bronx by Neil Waldman, The Five Owls 2002
The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins, The Five Owls January/February 2000
Emeline at the Circus by Marjorie Priceman, The Five Owls September/October 1999
When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang, The Five Owls March/April 1999
10 Minutes till Bedtime by Peggy Rathman, The Five Owls November/December 1998
Morning on the Lake by Jan Bourdeau Waboose, The Five Owls September/October 1998
Beach Play by Marsha Hayles, The Five Owls July-August 1998

### **Awards**

You Are a Reader/You Are a Writer (Holiday House, 2021)

\* Nominee for 2023 Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award (winner to be selected Spring 2023)

Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2017)

\* Best Children's Book of the Month (November 2017), Ages 6-8, chosen by Amazon editors

Dig In! (Abrams Appleseed, 2013)

- \* A Parents' Choice Fun Stuff Award Winner
- \* Best Children's Book of the Year (2013), Baby-Age 2, chosen by Amazon editors

What Do Wheels Do All Day? (Houghton Mifflin, 2006)

- \* Child Magazine Best Books of the Year 2006
- \* Featured on PBS's "Between the Lions" Fall 2010

Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing (Houghton Mifflin, 2005)

- \* New York Public Library's One Hundred Books for Reading & Sharing 2005
- \* Notable Social Studies Trade Book for 2006
- \* Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Seal

# **Visiting Author/Speaker**

Visiting Author, preschool-grade 6, schools and libraries in New England, New Jersey, New York, and Utah, 2001-present. Programs and workshops include "Ideas! Words! Action!," "How a Book is Made," "Writing a Brilliant Biography," "Working With Wheels," "Write What You Know," "Be a Detail Detective," "You Are a Juicy Writer," and others

Professional Development, "Writing a Brilliant Biography," Berkshires Reading Council, January 2015