



TUNDRA BOOKS



Jo Ellen Bogart

Jo Ellen was born in Houston, Texas in 1945. She received degrees in elementary education and psychology from the University of Texas where she met her zoologist husband, with whom she made two trips to South America to study the local amphibians.

In 1975, the couple moved to Guelph, Ontario and raised a son and a daughter there.

A real animal lover, Jo Ellen has had many interesting pets over the years including Clyde the coatimundi, who played a supporting role in her book *Sarah Saw Blue Macaw*, on page 25, and two Peruvian parrotlets who appear on pages 8 and 9. Astro, the African clawed frog, has been a member of the family since he was a whiskered tadpole some twenty years and lovable Argentine desert tortoise Tor Tor was a favorite of everyone who met him.

Jo Ellen loves the interplay of art and words in picture books. She is the author of many best-selling children's books, and has won the Ruth Schwartz Award and has been short-listed for the Mr. Christie's Book Award. She has recently begun to write non-fiction books and loves the learning involved. Her biography of Nova Scotia folk artist Maud Lewis, *Capturing Joy*, includes many of Maud's beautiful paintings. Her newest book, *Emily Carr: At the Edge of the World*, acts as an introduction to a remarkable artist and her paintings for children.

Jo Ellen truly enjoys opportunities to visit and speak to children in many parts of Canada and likes to hear from her readers.

Selected Bibliography

<i>Emily Carr: At the Edge of the World</i> (Tundra)	2003
<i>Capturing Joy: The Story of Maud Lewis</i> (Tundra)	2002
<i>The Night the Stars Flew</i> (Scholastic)	2001



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Awards and Honours

Capturing Joy

- Shortlisted, Hackmatack Children's Choice Award, 2004
- Finalist, Information Book Award, Children's Literature Roundtables of Canada, 2003