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Nonfiction Books

Science Fair Winners, National Geographic Children's Books

Bug Science, 2009

Crime Scene Science, 2009

Junkyard Science, 2010

Sibling Science, 2010

- Booklist Top Ten Nonfiction Series, 2010

Angels Are Everywhere, Aladdin/Simon and Schuster, 2009

Across the Wide Ocean: The Why, How, and Where of Navigation for Humans and Animals at Sea Greenwillow, 2007; writing and illustration

Small Worlds: Maps and Mapmaking, Scholastic, 2002

- Oppenheimer Toy Portfolio Gold Medal
- Smithsonian Magazine Best Children's Books, 2002

Arctic Investigations: Exploring the Frozen Ocean, Turnstone Press, 2000
Including teachers' manual and teaching materials

Guinness Record Breakers, Guinness Media, 1997

The Ice's Edge: The Story of a Harp Seal Pup, Soundprints/Smithsonian, 1996

The Best Behavior Series, Joshua Morris, 1986

Forthcoming:

I Dive to the Bottom of the Sea (and come back to tell the tale)

Science Notebook series

Novels

Young adult

Cobwebs, Greenwillow, 2004

- * starred review, Kliatt Book Reviews
- Bookbinders' Guild of New York merit award for Children's Trade, 2005

Video, Greenwillow, 1999

- Georgia Youth Book Award nominee, 2000
- YALSA Notable Best Books for Young Adults nominee, 2000

The Beetle and Me: A Love Story, Greenwillow, 1999

- YALSA Notable/ Best Books for Young Adults, 1999
- YALSA Top Ten First Novels for Young Adults, 1999
- Bank Street College Best Books for Children, 1999
- Junior Library Guild selection
- Children's Literature Choice, 2000
- Tayshas (Texas State) High School Reading List, 2000-2001
- Kentucky Bluegrass Award nominee, 2001
- Hoosier (Indiana State) Youth Book Award nominee, 2001-2002
- South Carolina Young Adult Award nominee, 2001-2002
- New Jersey Library Award nominee, 2002
- YALSA Selected List of Audiobooks for Young Adults, 2003
- * starred reviews: Publishers Weekly, Kirkus, Kliatt
- Flying Starts, Publishers Weekly profiles of promising new authors

Graphic novels

Doodlebug: A Novel in Doodles (writing and illustration) Feiwel & Friends, Spring 2010

Middle grades

Outside In, Greenwillow, 2002, writing and illustration

Forthcoming:

The Librarian's Child

Hundred Percent (Unfortunately, a True Story)

Books for Parents and Children

The Ready, Set Series, co-author with Marlene Barron, John Wiley & Sons, 1996 - 97

- ***Ready, Set, Read and Write***
- ***Ready, Set, Count***
- ***Ready, Set, Explore***
- ***Ready, Set, Cooperate***

• Child Magazine Best Books of the Year, 1997

Reference and Nonfiction Book Contributions

The World Almanac Book of Records, World Almanac Education Group, 2007: feature on the gay civil rights movement.

The World and Its Peoples, Brown Reference, Ltd. 2005: features on cultural expression and food of Asian and African countries

World Almanac 2002: special feature on statistics involving children

Guinness Book of World Records, several editions: feature articles about record holders

Inventions and Discoveries: Facts on File, 1993: features on inventions

What in the World?: National Geographic, 1988: features on science

Current Web Content

Encyclopedia of Life www.eol.org

Extreme 2004, 2008 (see Educational Materials, below)
www.ocean.udel.edu/extreme2004

Interesting Nonfiction for Kids
<http://inkrethink.blogspot.com/>

- Runner-up, best group blog, Edublog Awards 2009

Facts on File website, facts.com:

- Top 50 Inventors of the Twentieth Century, individual biographies
- Top 50 Black Innovators, Scientists, and Doctors, individual biographies

My website: www.karenromanoyoung.com

Educational Materials

- *Cyberchase*, Channel Thirteen math program for upper elementary kids
- Managing editor of print materials

- Extreme 2008, 2004, Extreme 2003: University of Delaware educational outreach featuring a month-long research cruise on *R/V Atlantis* and *DSV Alvin*.
 - Shipboard education coordinator providing web materials (words and images) from aboard research vessel and submarine in the east Pacific Ocean.

 - Curriculum author for middle school and high school materials .

- High interest/low reading level books: Great Source, Houghton Mifflin:
 - Big Rigs*
 - Going to Extremes*

- Behind the Scenes (a PBS TV series), classroom materials and teaching guide

- Magic Schoolbus (a Scholastic TV production), grant research

- Guides to using Weston Woods films (based on children's books) in the classroom

- Jason Project classroom materials and teaching guide

- *Arctic Investigations* (see nonfiction above) classroom materials and teaching guide

- Trumpet Club teaching materials based on children's literature

Textbooks, Workbooks, and Teaching Guides

Student and teacher classroom materials for English, spelling, social studies, art, or science for:

- Macmillan
- Prentice Hall
- Scott Foresman
- Learning Unlimited
- Harcourt Brace
- Houghton Mifflin
- Learning Resources
- Addison-Wesley
- Scholastic

Magazine Articles

Adult science magazines:

- *Oceanus*, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- *Science News*, the American Institute of Cancer Research

Children's/teen/adult magazines, including:

- Cricket
- Art and Man
- Creative Classroom
- Scholastic News
- 3-2-1 Contact!
- National Geographic World
- Parenting
- Instructor
- Scholastic Search
- Scholastic Choices
- Superscience Red/Blue
- Weekly Reader

Freelance Writer/Editor: Educational Materials:

- Channel Thirteen
- Alice Trillin and Jane Garmey
- Macmillan
- Extreme 2003, 2004, 2008
- Pubworks
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- BioBlitz, Encyclopedia of Life
- Scholastic Trumpet Club
- Weston Woods Studios
- Jason Project
- innovativeKids
- National Geographic

Ocean Science Teacher/Education Consultant

Educator

- The Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk, Connecticut, 2006-2007

Committee Member

- Education and Public Awareness Committee, ORION (Ocean Research Interactive Observatory Networks), working to create plans for outreach facilities and function for international ocean observing system, 2004-2006

Education Consultant/ Shipboard Education Coordinator, Extreme 2004 and 2008

- From aboard research vessel *Atlantis* and deep submergence vehicle *Alvin* at the East Pacific Rise, produced research updates, journals, interviews with scientists, art, photos, video, and other features for website; coordinate 'Phone Calls to the Deep'

Writing Teacher

Fellow, Connecticut Writing Project

since 2009

Adjunct faculty in Masters of Fine Arts in Professional Writing program at Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut

since 2007

Leader of the Young Writers Workshop, a program for middle school and high school students which began at the Bethel Public Library and now goes on the road visiting schools, conferences, libraries, community centers, etc. *since 1997*

Tutoring and individual workshops in writing, ages 6 to 19 *since 2003*

Public Speaking

since 1999

Guest lecturer: children's literature, science, art, writing, and publishing

- National Science Teachers Association
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- Connecticut Library Association
- National Marine Educators Association
- Manhattanville College
- Sacred Heart University
- Western Connecticut State University
- National Council of Teachers of English
- Connecticut Science Teachers Association
- University of Denver

Presenter to children: multimedia and interactive sessions about writing, my books, art, ocean science, publishing and related issues

- Draw On! in association with the Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art
- Aquariums including The New England Aquarium
- Libraries including Hartford Public Library
- Science centers including Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies
- Schools including Newtown Montessori School (Connecticut), George Mason Elementary School (Virginia), Bethel Middle School (Connecticut), Fairfield Ludlowe High School (Connecticut).

Peer Review, Professional Associations, Memberships

- The Authors Guild
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- National Marine Educators Association
- National Association of Science Writers
- Advisory Council, Connecticut Center for the Book
- Letters About Literature, national children's writing competition, judge
- Connecticut Book Award children's literature competition, judging chair
- Pen International

Awards, Honors, and Grants:

- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Ocean Science Journalism Fellowship, 2007
- Connecticut Council for Culture and Tourism Grant for Fiction, 2005: *Spiders*
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Work-In-Progress Grant for Non-Fiction, 2004: *The Rainbow Timeline*
- Oppenheimer Gold Medal, *Small Worlds: Maps and Mapmaking*, 2002
- Publishers Weekly "Flying Starts," showcase of most promising first-time children's authors, 1999
- Starred reviews for novels
- Inclusion on recommended and year's best lists, top tens, top hundreds, etc., for novels and nonfiction books

Education

B.S. Education, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. , Kindergarten – Grade 8

- Academic concentration: English

Continuing Education: art, illustration, design, and education
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
School of Visual Arts, New York, N.Y.
Western Connecticut State University:

Ancient History

Marketing Associate, Weston Woods Studios, Weston, Conn. *1983 - 1984*

- Sales and marketing of children's films and audiovisual materials to already established customers, mainly schools and libraries

Associate Editor, Scholastic, Inc., New York, N.Y. *1982 - 1983*

- Writing and editing of high interest/low reading level magazines Scholastic Action (middle school/high school) and Scholastic Sprint (elementary school)

Assistant Editor, Scholastic, Inc. *1981 - 1982*

- Writing and editing classroom news magazine Scholastic News