

# KAREN ROMANO YOUNG

*Creating books, articles, illustrations, and science comics, and providing educational/outreach communication and materials, with a focus on ocean science.*

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## **STEAM Outreach and Education Consultant/Marketing (Science • Technology • Education • Art • Mathematics)**

This project-oriented work has featured short-term work, onsite and offsite, communicating to the public and/or school audiences. Recent/current clients and partners include:

- **International Ocean Discovery Program:** Worked as resident artist (science comic #AntarcticLog) and communications officer aboard the JOIDES *Resolution* during Expedition 379 to the Amundsen Sea, January - March 2019. Created associated outreach materials to represent the expedition and organization.
- **Bigelow Laboratory:** Member of NSF grantee science team with co-principal investigators Patricia Matrai and Peter Countway, for their 2016-2018 project on phytoplankton at Palmer Station, Antarctica.
- **National Science Foundation** Antarctic Artists and Writers grantee creating science comic #AntarcticLog and children's graphic nonfiction book about polar science. 2018.
- **Ocean Exploration Trust:** Lead Science Communications Fellow and Artist at Sea aboard E/V Nautilus, 2014 and 2015 seasons (deep ocean research and mapping). Media and science comics.
- **Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COOL)/Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP):** Science comics posters about scientists working aboard the JOIDES Resolution
- **NOAA's** French Fleet shipwreck expedition, 2014. Ebook author/illustrator/designer
- **NASA's** ICESCAPE Project (Arctic research on climate change) aboard USCGC Healy). Print, internet, science comics, podcast.
- **Cyberchase** (WNET). Authored children's math television program curriculum support.
- **The University of Delaware: Extreme Project** (deep-ocean research) aboard R/V Atlantis and DSV Alvin. Internet and photography.

## **Writer: Print and Web**

Author of reference book articles, magazine articles, nonfiction comics, and web content, including driving web design. Publishers/producers include: *Encyclopedia of Life (Harvard Museum of Natural History)*, *The World Almanac (children's issues worldwide)*, *Climate Central (climate change)*, *The Extreme Project (University of Delaware)*, *University of Chicago*, *CRICKET*, *PARENTING*, *ART AND MAN*, *INSTRUCTOm* *CREATIVE CLASSROOM*, *NEWS-O-MATIC*, *SCHOLASTIC NEWS*, *SUPERSCIENCE RED/BLUE*, *3-2-1 CONTACT!*, *ODYSSEY* and *MUSE* magazines, *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WORLD*, *OCEANUS (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)*

## **Writer: Children's Books, Magazines, and Educational Materials**

Nonfiction:

- ***Diving for Deep-Sea Dragons***, graphic nonfiction, Chronicle Books, 2021

- **TRY THIS series**, *National Geographic Kids*, 2014-2017 (and onward)
  - *Try This! Extreme* fall 2017  
 JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD SELECTION, AAAS/SUBARU SB & F PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE BOOKS,  
 HANDS-ON SCIENCE BOOKS short list, 2018
  - *Try This! 2014*
- **Shark Quest** 21st Century Books, fall 2018  
 JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD SELECTION
- **Whale Quest** 21st Century Books, fall 2017  
 JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD SELECTION  
 Bank Street Center for Children's Literature Best Books of the Year  
 GREEN EARTH AWARD short list  
 CONNECTICUT BOOK AWARD short list
- **Mission: Sea Turtle Rescue**, *National Geographic Children's Books*, 2015  
 GREEN EARTH AWARD for children's nonfiction (environmental stewardship book award), 2016
- **SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS SERIES**, *National Geographic Children's Books*  
 BOOKLIST TOP TEN NONFICTION SERIES, 2010
- **Across the Wide Ocean: The Why, How, & Where of Navigation for Humans and Animals at Sea**, *Greenwillow*, 2007
- **Small Worlds: Maps and Mapmaking**, *Scholastic*, 2002  
 OPPENHEIMER TOY PORTFOLIO GOLD MEDAL, SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE BEST CHILDREN'S BOOKS,
- **Arctic Investigations: Exploring the Frozen Ocean**, *Turnstone/Steck-Vaughn/WHOI*, 2000

## Illustrated Writing, *Humanimal Doodles* and #Antarctic Log Science Comics

My artwork and graphic articles appear in books, on websites, and articles. Publishers include:

World Wildlife Fund	Odyssey magazine	NASA What on Earth?
Muse magazine	Collins Big Cat	Science and Story
Animal Planet	Discover Kids	Consortium for Ocean Leadership
Nautilus Live	Science Friday	Smithsonian Ocean Portal
Exploratorium	International Ocean Discovery Program	

## Fiction:

**A Girl, A Raccoon, and the Midnight Moon**, *Chronicle*, 2020, middle grade novel (forthcoming)

**Hundred Percent**, *Chronicle*, 2016 middle grade novel

MULTIPLE AWARDS including Amazon Best Books of 2016, Kirkus Best Children's Books of 2016

**Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider**, *Feiwel & Friends*, 2015, middle grade historical novel

### DOODLEBUG SERIES

**Stuck in the Middle (Of Middle School): A Novel in Doodles**, *Feiwel & Friends*, 2013 graphic novel

**Doodlebug: A Novel in Doodles**, *Feiwel & Friends*, 2010 graphic novel

MULTIPLE AWARDS, including Kirkus Best Children's Books of 2010

**Cobwebs**, *Greenwillow* 2004 young adult novel

Starred review

Connecticut Book Award, shortlist

**Outside In**, *Greenwillow*, 2002 middle grade novel

*Video, Greenwillow, 1999 young adult novel*

*Starred review*

*The Beetle and Me: A Love Story, Greenwillow, 1999 young adult novel*

*MULTIPLE AWARDS, including Top Ten First Novels, 1999*

## **Teacher/Presenter to Adults and Children**

- I teach writing as an adjunct professor in the Masters of Fine Arts program at Western Connecticut State University.
- I lead workshops on story visualization, comics, writing, and images to writing peers, teachers, and students (adults and children).
- I make educational presentations surrounding writing, art, education, and science, appearing at universities, schools, libraries, museums, book festivals, and aquaria. Recent presentations have included the National Science Teachers Association, National Council of Teachers of English, and the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. Additional:

**National Science Teachers Association**

**International Reading Association**

**Connecticut Library Association**

**Manhattanville College**

**Western Connecticut State University**

**Anyseed Conference, Vassar University**

**Kindling Words West**

**University of Southern California**

**American Geophysical Union**

**Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators**

**National Marine Educators Association Manhat-**

**Connecticut Science Teachers Association**

**University of Denver**

**Texas Library Association**

**New York State Reading Association**

**National Council of Teachers of English**

## **EDUCATION**

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, Bachelor of Science, Education major, English academic concentration

Continuing education courses in art and graphics: Pratt Institute, School of Visual Arts, (both) New York, NY

## **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Numerous awards, lists, and starred reviews for my books, notably:

**National Science Foundation Antarctic Artists and Writers Grant, 2018**

**Waypoint Fellow** (science and art), the Waypoint Foundation, 2014-2018

**Ocean Science Journalism Fellow, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**

**Creative Nonfiction Award, University of Connecticut**

**Junior Library Guild selection**

**Connecticut Book Award**

**Connecticut Book Award honoree, twice**

**Connecticut Council for Culture and Tourism Grant for Fiction**

**Green Earth Book Award**

**American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Science Book and Film prize honoree**

**Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Work-in-Progress Grant, Nonfiction**

**Publishers Weekly Flying Starts, showcase of children's authors**