

ABC Safari

Written and illustrated by Karen Lee

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'05 SCBWI Don Freeman Grant runner-up
2007 Moonbeam Bronze Award
Bank Street 2008 "Best Children's Books
of the Year" selection

"I'm already in love with the way Karen illustrates, but this book also shows me what a terrific author she is as well! Each word she uses counts – nothing is wasted. Readers will also delight in the fun hunt for the hidden little boy and his brightly colored parrot in every illustration. This is an excellent, rich, award-winning book!" - *Stories for Children Magazine*

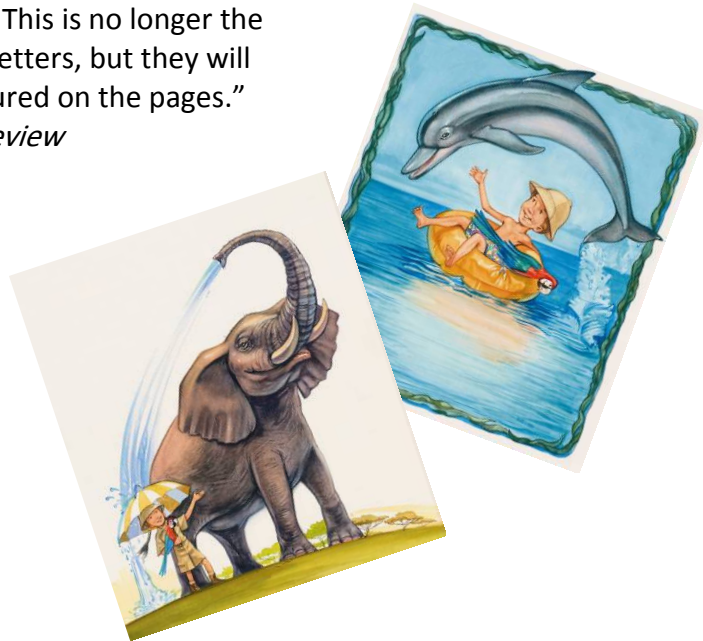
"The poem offers facts about the animal to help with learning. This picture book offers factual information about nature as it teaches kids their ABCs." - *The Reading Tub*

"Alphabet books used to be just about learning the alphabet. This is no longer the case. In this book children will not only get to practice their letters, but they will also learn all kinds of things about the animals that are featured on the pages."

- *Through the Looking Glass children's Book Review*

It's not just an "ABC" book....

It's an around-the-world animal rhyming journey. Visit both familiar and exotic animals in different habitats, biomes and geographic regions. From the cold tundra to the hot deserts and from the jungles of Africa to the high Himalayan Mountains, find the hidden safari boy and his pet parrot in each illustration.



ABC Safari was fact checked for scientific accuracy by Ron Fricke, Vice President of Education at the Philadelphia Zoo. Children, parents, and teachers will love the **"For Creative Minds"** educational section. The section includes ABC Animal Alphabet cards for a memory game that teaches:

- Animal classes
- Carnivores and Herbivores
- Fun Facts about each animal

There are also **"Related Websites"** and **"Teaching Activities"** on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website, www.SylvanDellPublishing.com, to help parents and educators extend the learning possibilities!

About the Author/Illustrator



Karen Lee has turned from illustrator of Sylvan Dell Publishing's *One Odd Day* and *My Even Day* to author/illustrator in *ABC Safari*. A visit to the Mote Marine Aquarium with her family inspired a series of drawings and poems. She began with the manatees she discovered there, commenting "Manatees are surprisingly beautiful, comical, and graceful." Her sketchbook soon represented animals from all over the world! Karen has spent over three years on this project, which was the runner up for the 2005 Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Don Freeman Grant. She is also the recipient of the 2004 SCBWI Magazine Merit Award for Illustration for her work in *Highlights For Children*. Karen and her husband, also an illustrator, are raising their family outside of Raleigh, NC.

A Conversation with Karen....

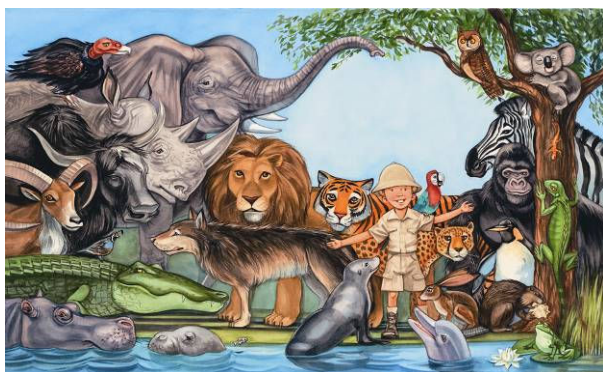
What inspired you to write *ABC Safari*?

I never even dreamed of being a writer. I was in the early stages of my children's book illustration career and was working on expanding my portfolio to include more animals. I sketched a few of the animals native to Florida where we were living at the time - manatee and alligator among them. But I realized that I needed some sort of structure to hold them together, so I began the little four line poems that eventually became *ABC Safari*. It took several years, many revisions, and a lot of studying of the craft before I was satisfied with them. But along the way, I discovered a joy in engaging in the entirety of creating a book.



What do you hope children will learn from your story?

I focused on some interesting facts about each animal, their environment, behavior, or appearance. I hope in reading this book, kids further their innate passion for animals and develop a curiosity that will encourage them to further their understanding of animals and the world around them.



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