



# Tudley Didn't Know

Written and illustrated by  
John Himmelman

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Utah's 2008 Beehive Picture Book Award finalist,  
2007 ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Finalists  
2007 Connecticut Book Award nominee

#4 on Book Sense's Autumn 2006 Children's Pics List  
The Missouri Show Me Readers Award Program finalist

"This is a great book to read to children as we ask them to not consider their limitations, but their possibilities.... The illustrations are detailed and adorable, and readers will love Tudley."

- *Library Media Connection*

"This book suggested to me that we (humans) often can't do things (or don't try them) simply because we are programmed to believe that we cannot. It left me thinking long after we had finished reading it. I love books like that!"- *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*

"John Himmelman has created a special, delightful book, which will spark a deeper sense of imagination in his young readers. The story hums along and the illustrations follow in a fascinating, animating style. Highly recommended for preschool through early elementary years!"

- *Children's Book Reviews*

## Tudley, a pond-living painted turtle,

adopts other animals' behaviors—simply because he doesn't know he can't! In *Tudley Didn't Know*, Tudley flies like a bird, sings like a katydid, hops like a frog, and glows like a firefly. He uses all his special behaviors to help other animals. Will Tudley's new friends help him when he needs help? And what happens to all of Tudley's turtle friends?



*Tudley Didn't Know* was vetted for scientific accuracy by educators at the Delaware Nature Center and Sterling Nature Center. Children, parents, and teachers will love the "For Creative Minds" educational section that includes fun facts about painted turtles, ruby-throated hummingbirds, fireflies, leopard frogs, and true katydids. The section also contains:



- A "Make a Hopping Tudley" craft
- A recipe for hummingbird sugar water
- Food for Thought
- Creative Sparks

There are also "Related Websites" and "Teaching Activities" on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website, [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com), to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

## About the Author/Illustrator



**John Himmelman** has written and/or illustrated over 60 children's books since 1981. His recent books include *Mouse in a Meadow* and *Frog in a Bog*, both published by Charlesbridge. John's award-winning book, *Pipaluk and the Whales* (National Geographic), is based on the true story of how far people will go to save their wild neighbors. John's *Nature Upclose* series of 13 different books (published by Children's Press, a division of Scholastic) includes: *A Monarch Butterfly's Life*, *A Pillbug's Life*, *A Luna Moth's Life*, and *A Woodfrog's Life*. He based his *Animal Rescue Club* (Harper Collins) beginning reader book on a group of real children who rescued orphaned and injured wildlife. John's first book for adults, *Discovering Moths*, was recently published by Downeast Books. Most of John's books stem from his obvious passion for animals and nature. When John isn't busy writing or illustrating his books, he is involved with the Connecticut Butterfly Association and the Killingworth Land Conservation Trust. He also leads nature walks and gives natural history lectures throughout the country. He works with schools by offering special science observation programs, and teaches courses on children's book writing. John says he has never lost his love of reading and ends each day curled up in bed with a good book! John and his wife live in Connecticut.



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