



# Ann D. Koffsky

author/illustrator



Sometime back in kindergarten, I realized that I wanted to be an artist. I knew this for a fact all through high school. Then, sometime back in college, I realized how very impractical that was. I began a minor in art (just for fun, of course), and considered law, teaching, advertising, communications...you name it. By junior year, however, I realized I just couldn't escape art. I changed my minor to a Major, and got an internship at DC Comics (those are the guys who make Superman). When I graduated, I worked for Scholastic books (those are the guys who make Clifford). That combination of Superman and Clifford gave me a great start in learning how to make things look fun and interesting for kids.



Since then, I've illustrated and authored over 30 books for children, including, "Eight Lights for Eight Nights" (Barron's), "Beyond Turkey" (Barron's) and "My Cousin Tamar Lives in Israel" (URJ Press), which was named a 2008 Notable book winner by the Association of Jewish Libraries.

I also enjoy creating products of all kinds, and have designed everything from toys, to calendars, to formal Private Commissions. Many greeting card companies such as Hallmark and Great Arrow Graphics have featured my work on greeting cards.

Visiting schools and libraries is one of the most rewarding parts of being an illustrator/ author. Using my book illustrations as guides, my presentations take students through the illustration process from first rough sketch to the final published book.

*Ann infused humor and a child friendly energy into her multi media presentation. She didn't simply give a presentation, she interacted and engaged with the children in an effortless way which showed she knew what she was doing and was having a great time doing it.*

*Stephanie Entin, Librarian  
AJ Heschel School*

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To see more of her work, visit [www.annkoffsky.com](http://www.annkoffsky.com).





# School Visits

If you're looking for a speaker who is entertaining and educational, you want children's book author/illustrator Ann D. Koffsky! Ann has spoken at over 20 schools and events, and tailors her discussions to all ages and grade levels. Using illustrations from her more than 20 published books as a starting point, Ann describes the process of illustration from the first sketch to the final book. Her program is lively and interactive. It includes a sketching demonstration, a grab bag of props and a display of original artwork.

## Topics

### \*All About Illustration (Ages 8-15)

With lots of humor and fun, Ann shows students how a single illustration evolves. Students will hear all about sketching, research, color choices materials...and how all that work ends up in a published book.

### \*I Draw the Pictures! (Ages 3-7)

Ann will read from her latest books and show the audience how she made the pictures for them. Ann brings along a giant grab bag, and always makes sure to do some silly sketching, too.



*In all, it was a VERY full day, and a year later, I can still refer to the ideas she (Ann Koffsky) presented, and the children will recall the concepts and her visit.... If you would like to really get inside the illustrator's experience, she is excellent!*

David M. Levin  
Media Coordinator  
Torah Day School of Atlanta

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