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I've always loved painting. My favorite kindergarten memory is of tempera painting at an easel. I have an MFA from Hunter College and my abstract paintings have been in the Whitney Museum of American Art. But for the last 15 years I've been painting for preschoolers and kindergarteners.

My first digital paintings were for *High Five* and *Ladybug* magazines. It's been inspiring to illustrate Eve Bunting's words in *Pirate Boy*, and a series of books written by Jamie Korngold for Kar-Ben.

The first books that I both illustrated and authored were *The Artist and the King*, published in 2014 by Alazar Press, and *Lily's Cat Mask* in 2017 for Viking. I was thrilled when *Lily's Cat Mask* received a Kirkus starred review. And I love the honest reactions my books get from preschoolers and kindergarteners. Recently, I stumbled on a Youtube of a kindergartener reading *Lily's Cat Mask*. She read it with so much feeling, even changing her voice to fit each character. It's this kind of response that makes writing stories for young readers so rewarding.

My next book, *Pearl Goes to Preschool*, will be released by Candlewick Press in 2020.

Booklist

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LILY'S CAT MASK
May 2, 2017
ISBN: 9780425287996

THE ARTIST AND THE KING
Pub Date: April 7th, 2014
ISBN: 978-0-9793000-3-5

PIRATE BOY by Eve Bunting
Pub Date: Aug. 1st, 2011
ISBN: 978-0-8234-2321-7
paperback:
ISBN-10: 0823425460
ISBN-13: 9780823425464
Pub Date: 06/01/2012
Board book: May 2018

PIPPA AT THE PARADE
by Karen Roosa
Pub Date: April 1st, 2009
ISBN: 978-1-59078-567-6

THE SADIE SERIES by Jamie Korngold

Sadie's Snowy Tu B'Shevat
Pub Date: January 2018
ISBN-10: 1512426776
ISBN-13: 978-1512426779

Sadie and Ori and the Blue Blanket
August 1, 2015
ISBN-13: 978-1467711913

Sadie, Ori, and Nuggles Go to Camp
Pub Date: Sept. 1st, 2014
ISBN: 978-1-4677-0424-3

Sadie's Lag Ba'omer Mystery
Pub Date: Feb. 1st, 2014
ISBN: 978-0-7613-9047-3

Sadie's Almost Marvelous Menorah
Pub Date: Sept. 1st, 2013
ISBN: 978-0-7613-6493-1

Sadie and the Big Mountain
Pub Date: March 1st, 2012
ISBN: 978-0-7613-6494-8

Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast
Pub Date: September 1, 2011
ISBN-10: 0761356487
ISBN-13: 978-0761356486

Clients:
Babybug Magazine
Boyds Mills Press
Harcourt School
Hello
Highlights High 5
Holiday House
Ladybug Magazine
Lerner
Oxford University Press

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You can order Lily's Cat Mask, or Pirate Boy directly
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