

Maria Gianferrari, Children's Book Author

BIO 1:

Maria Gianferrari is a picture book reader/writer, tea-drinker, dog-lover, and birdwatcher. Maria writes books that honor our bonds with creatures both domestic and wild, and that celebrate the natural world around us. Maria's most recent titles include *Icecycle: Poems about the Life of Ice*, illustrated by Jieting Chen (Millbrook Press), *Being a Dog: A Tail of Mindfulness*, illustrated by Pete Oswald (Harper Collins), *Bobcat Prowling* illustrated by Bagram Ibatouilline (Roaring Brook Press) and *Be a Tree!*, illustrated by Felicita Sala (Abrams Books). She lives with her family in Massachusetts in a house encircled by trees. To learn more about Maria, visit her website: mariagianferrari.com.

BIO 2:

Maria Gianferrari is a community scientist, self-taught naturalist and bird nerd who holds an M.A. in Creative Writing and a Ph.D. in English. She is the author of narrative nonfiction picture books which celebrate urban ecosystems, the natural world and our wild neighbors including *Bobcat Prowling*, *Whoo-Ku Haiku*, *Hawk Rising* and *Coyote Moon*. She also writes engaging expository nonfiction such as *Be a Tree!*, *Terrific Tongues* and *Play Like an Animal* to inspire young readers with fascinating STEM stuff. Maria's forthcoming nature titles include *You and the Bowerbird*, *Thank a Farmer* and *Fungi Grow* as well as her first book of poetry, *Icecycle: Poems About the Life of Ice*.

As a lover of dogs, Maria's fiction picture books star dogs as main characters and explore the human-canine bond. Titles include *Being a Dog: A Tail of Mindfulness*, *Hello Goodbye Dog*, *Operation Rescue Dog*, *Officer Katz and Houndini*, the Penny & Jelly books and the forthcoming, *To Dogs With Love*. To learn more about Maria, visit her website: mariagianferrari.com.

Learn how to pronounce "Gianferrari" at Teachingbooks.net

BOOKS:

Ice Cycle: Poems About the Life of Ice (October 2022):

- [Kirkus review](#)
- [School Library Journal review](#)

Being a Dog: A Tail of Mindfulness (April 2022):

Selected reviews, videos, interviews & blog posts:

- [Beagles & Books](#)
- [Booklist online review](#)
- [For the Love of Kidlit](#)
- [Homemade City](#)
- [Kids Book a Day](#)
- [Kids Indie Next List](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Manhattan Book Review 5/5 Stars](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [Picture Book Builders](#)
- [Picture Book Buzz](#)
- [School Library Journal Starred Review](#)
- [Scrawl Books' Stuffed Animal Sleepover & reading](#)
- [Writing for Kids \(While Raising Them\)](#)

Bobcat Prowling (March 2022):

Selected reviews, videos, interviews & blog posts:

- [Beagles & Books](#)
- UCT: Upton Community Television, ["Be My Guest"](#) appearance
- [Horn Book Review](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Miss Marple's Musings](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [Picture Book Builders](#)
- [Picture Book Buzz](#)
- [Savoy Bookshop event with Bagram Ibatoulline & Karle Busse of RAWR's bobcats](#)
- [School Library Journal review](#)
- [Wild Delight](#)

Be a Tree! (March 2021):

Selected videos:

- [Gaithersburg Book Festival "Environmental Stewards" with Carole Lindstrom](#)
- [STEM review from author Kirsten W. Larson](#)
- [Toadstool Bookshop Launch with Felicita Sala](#)

Selected reviews, interviews & blog posts:

- [Beagles & Books](#)
- [Books4YourKids](#)
- [Growing with Science](#)
- [Homemade City](#)
- [Jennifer Mary G's PB Spotlight](#)
- [Julie Danielson's Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast: Going Arboreal Before Breakfast](#)
- [Kirkus Starred Review](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [Picture Book Builders](#)
- [Pragmatic Mom](#)
- [Publisher's Weekly Starred Review](#)
- [School Library Journal: The Truth is in There: Creative Approaches to Informational Books for Young Readers by Kate Messner](#)
- [Wander, Ponder, Write](#)
- [Wild Delight](#)
- [Writing for Kids \(While Raising Them\)](#)

Awards & honors:

- Nominee for the [2022 Annual Literature Award](#) from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries
- 2022 Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Books of the Year

Play Like an Animal: Why Critters Splash, Race, Twirl & Chase (April 2020):

Selected reviews, interviews & blog posts:

- [Beagles & Books](#)
- [Booklist review](#)
- [Homemade City](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kirkus review](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Miss Marple's Musings](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [Perfect Picture Book Friday](#)
- [School Library Journal review](#)
- [Writing for Kids \(While Raising Them\)](#)

Awards & honors:

- 2021 Texas Topaz Youth Nonfiction Reading List
- Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Nominee (PA)

Who-Ku Haiku: A Great Horned Owl Story (March 2020):

Selected reviews, videos, interviews & blog posts:

- [Beagles & Books](#)
- [Birdbrainz](#)
- [Boston Globe: Eight Rhythmic Reads to Celebrate National Poetry Month](#)
- [Horn Book's Calling Caldecott](#)
- [Horn Book Starred review](#)
- [Jama's Alphabet Soup](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kidding Around](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [New York Times review](#)
- [Picture Book Builders](#)
- [Picture Book Buzz](#)
- [Waking Brain Cells](#)
- [Wild Delight](#)

Awards & honors:

- CCBC Choices 2021
- 2021 Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Books of the Year

Operation Rescue Dog (September 2018):

TV appearance, selected interviews, video & blog posts:

- [Beagles and Books](#)
- [Children's Book Council review](#)
- [Home & Family Show on Hallmark Channel](#)
- [Humane Educational Society](#)
- [Kidlit411](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kirkus review](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)

- [PB Spotlight](#)
- [Publisher's Weekly In Brief photo](#)
- [Washington Parent](#)

Hawk Rising (June 2018):

Selected reviews, videos, interviews & blog posts:

- [7 Impossible Things Before Breakfast](#) (Brian's artistic process for book)
- [BirdBrainz](#)
- [Booklist review](#)
- [Cable Natural History Museum](#)
- [Calling Caldecott](#)
- ["Facts About the Natural World Astound and Delight in These Picture Books"](#) (New York Times Review)
- [Kirkus Feature "Going Wild"](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Red Clover Read Aloud](#)
- [Wild Delight](#)

Awards & honors:

- [2019 SCBWI Crystal Kite Award](#) winner
- [Parents' Choice Silver Award](#) winner
- Nominee [2019-2020 Vermont Red Clover Award](#)
- 2019 CCBC Choices Recommendation
- 2019 Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Books of the Year
- [Junior Library Guild selection](#)

Terrific Tongues (April 2018):

Selected interviews, reviews, videos & blog posts:

- [Beagles and Books](#)
- [Camella's Story Adventure](#)
- [Homemade City](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy End of Year Favorites](#)
- [Kirkus review](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [Sal's Fiction Addiction](#)
- [School Library Journal review](#)

- [Ms. Sar's Read Alouds](#)
- [The Nonfiction Detectives](#)

Awards & honors:

- 2019 Maryland Blue Crab Honor Award winner
- 2019-2020 Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award nominee
- 2019 Oklahoma Redbud Read-Aloud Masterlist

Hello Goodbye Dog (July 2017):

Selected videos, interviews & blog posts:

- [A Mighty Girl](#)
- [Booklist starred review](#)
- [For the Love of Kidlit](#)
- [Fun4thedisabled reading in ASL](#)
- [Kidlit411—Interview with Patrice Barton](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kirkus review](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Mamabelly's Lunches with Love](#)
- [Miss Marple's Musings](#)
- [Mrs. Knott's Book Nook](#)
- [Museum of the Dog Paws to Read](#)
- [NAAM's Interactive Storytime](#)
- [Pragmatic Mom](#)
- [NYPL: Representation Matters](#)
- [School Library Journal](#) Disability Representation
- [School Library Journal review](#)
- [Shelf Awareness starred review](#)
- [Writing for Kids \(While Raising Them\)](#)

Awards & honors:

- [2018-2019 Maine Chickadee Honor Award](#)
- 2018 [NH Ladybug Picture Book Award](#) nominee
- 2018-2019 [Missouri Show Me Award](#) nominee
- 2019-2020 [Nebraska Golden Sower Award](#) nominee
- CCBC Choices 2018

Officer Katz & Houndini (October 2016):

Selected interviews & blog posts:

- [Booklist review](#)
- [Homemade City](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Mamabelly's Lunches with Love](#)
- [Pragmaticmom](#)
- [Publisher's Weekly review](#)
- [ReFoReMo](#)
- [School Library Journal review](#)
- [Writing for Kids \(While Raising Them\)](#)

Coyote Moon (July 2016):

[Lesson Plan Link "Coyote Moon: Using the Thesis Machine to Practice Drafting Thesis Statements from Informational Text \(Grade 6-12\)"](#)

Selected reviews, videos, interviews & blog posts:

- [ALA Notable Book](#)
- [Betsy Bird Fuse #8 Review of the Day](#)
- [Booklist review](#)
- [BookPage](#)
- [DEBtastic Reads!](#)
- [Junior Library Guild](#)
- [Librarian's Quest](#)
- [Kidlit411](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kidzu Children's Museum](#)
- [Kirkus starred review](#)
- [Project Muse](#)
- [Publisher's Weekly starred review](#)
- [School Library Journal starred review](#)
- [The Nonfiction Detectives](#)
- [Unleashing Readers](#)
- [Waking Brain Cells](#)
- [Wild Delight](#)

Awards & honors:

- Wyoming's [Buckaroo Award](#) (First Runner Up)
- Illinois' [Monarch Award](#) nominee

- [Virginia Reader's Choice Award](#) nominee

Penny & Jelly Website

Penny & Jelly Slumber Under the Stars (June 2016):

Selected interviews & blog posts:

- [A Kids Book a Day](#)
- [Bildebok](#)
- [Booklist review](#)
- [Brightly](#)
- [Chicago Tribune](#)
- [Children's Book Council](#)
- [Children's Books Heal](#)
- [Homemade City](#)
- [International Literacy Association](#)
- [Mamabelly's Lunches with Love](#)
- [Kid Lit Frenzy](#)
- [Kirkus review](#)
- [Little Crooked Cottage](#)
- [Miss Marple's Musings](#)
- [Picture Book Builders](#)
- [Sal's Fiction Addition](#)
- [School Library Journal review](#)
- [Writing for Kids \(While Raising Them\)](#)

Penny & Jelly The School Show (July 2015):

Selected interviews & blog posts:

- [Bildebok](#)
- [Booklist review](#)
- [Children's Book Council](#)
- [Cinnamon Pink](#)
- [Emu's Debuts](#)
- [Emu's Debuts](#) (interview with Thyra Heder)
- [Kidlit411](#)
- [Kirkus review](#)
- [Mamabelly's Lunches with Love](#)
- [The Fairview Review](#)
- [The Little Crooked Cottage/Mr. Pig Interview](#)
- [Watch Connect Read](#)
- [Writing for Kids While Raising Them](#)

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