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Author's Page ~ Sheila Adams

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR - a Father/Daughter Team

Sheila Murphy Adams - Author

I traveled a long way from aspiring writer to published author. I have loved writing since I could print my own name. The first poems and short stories I have in my collection date back to my elementary school days! I have written countless poems - from silly rhymes for yearbooks and invitations, to romantic sonnets for loved ones, and soul searching free verse for my eyes only. My dreams of becoming a published author remained a silent wish over the years. I had hundreds of plots that would dance through my head as I was driving, walking, cooking, cleaning, and generally attending to my daily life. Often I would begin to write them in a notebook, or type them on the computer; only to be distracted by the more pressing business of family and career. However, I thought for sure, one day, I would write that full-length novel. When I became a teacher, somewhat late in life, I realized the power of the printed word to help shape our children; educationally and socially. So I began writing for my students - and that's where the children's author in me found a voice. I live in North Stonington, CT with my husband, Mark, and children, Kyle and Victoria.

Ed Murphy - Illustrator

My father, Ed Murphy, is my illustrator. He began his art career in high school, drawing for the school newspaper. He continued drawing in the Navy, for the shipboard newspaper. When he returned from the Korean War in the 1950's, he went to work for the family development business and put his dreams of becoming a cartoonist on hold. He has, however, made many artistic creations over the years: from parade floats to musical performance programs. He enjoys drawing, sketching, lettering, and painting.

I convinced him to illustrate my first book, Beads, Bands, & a Brass Ring, in 2010. He continues to do all of the illustrations for my books - it wouldn't be as much fun without him!

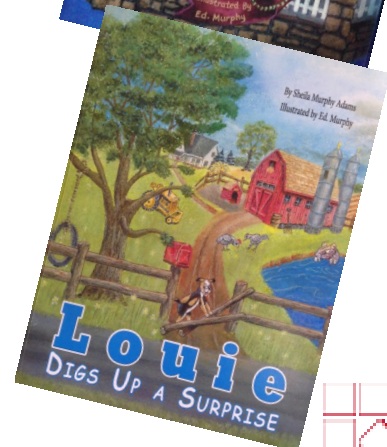
"Beads, Bands & a Brass Ring"

If you've ever worn Grandma's beads or Grandpa's shoes; if you've ever danced and listened to music with family; if you've ever enjoyed an ice cream cone on a hot summer day, or eaten popcorn from a sidewalk vendor; if you've ever reached for the brass ring from the saddle of a carousel horse; this memoir will make you smile and remember your own family story.

"Louie Digs Up a Surprise"

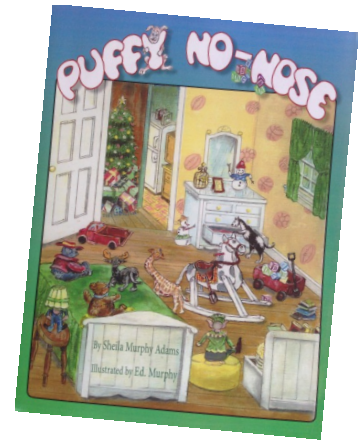
Louie loves living on the Harrison's farm, but sometimes he feels like he isn't as good as his friends. He wishes he had a talent that made him special. How can a young puppy learn to be happy—just the way he is? Will it take a surprise delivery and a call for help for Louis to see how special he really is?

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"Puffy No-Nose"

A much-loved and well-worn stuffed bunny, Puffy No-Nose, finds himself replaced by a new favorite toy on Christmas morning. As Puffy No-Nose and the rest of Corey's bedspread friends devise a plan to help Puffy No-Nose find his way back into the young boy's heart, they all learn a valuable lesson about new friends, old friends, and the importance of including all kinds of friends in their lives.



"The Coolest Kids in School"

When Pete, a tough looking new kid, starts school, the students worry that he will soon join forces with Robbie, the school bully. But Pete has no interest in being the class bully. He actually thinks Robbie's behaviors are lame. Will Pete be able to convince Robbie and the other kids that being cool doesn't mean being a bully? Can Pete prove that a person can be both COOL and KIND?



Sheila Murphy Adams & her father Ed Murphy

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