

Author Bios for Carolyn Donovan

2-Line Bio

Children's book author Carolyn Donovan lives in Boston with her guy and her two cats, and a whole lot of stories in her head.

Short Bio

Carolyn Donovan, author of *Harold and the Wimple-Dimple Dimmer-Wimmer*, lives Boston, is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), and publishes her work through the publishing house of Flummery and Trivet, www.FlummerAndTrivet.com. She can be reached at Carolyn@FlummeryAndTrivet.com.

Medium Bio

Carolyn Donovan is the author of the children's book *Harold and the Wimple-Dimple Dimmer-Wimmer*. She lives Boston, a book-happy place if there ever was one, and is not averse to driving two hours to a used bookstore if she thinks there might be "something interesting" to be found on its shelves. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), and publishes her work through the publishing house Flummery and Trivet, www.FlummerAndTrivet.com. She spends a lot of time looking out the window, thinking up stories. She can be reached at Carolyn@FlummeryAndTrivet.com.

Long Bio

Carolyn Donovan, author of the children's book *Harold and the Wimple-Dimple Dimmer-Wimmer*, spent many years **not** writing *Harold and the Wimple-Dimple Dimmer-Wimmer* because she didn't think she was a writer.

But Harold would not go away, so finally Carolyn heeded Harold's plaintive "Finish me, please?" and in the space of about three attoseconds (which are considerably shorter nanoseconds) found herself with a finished book.

Carolyn's first favorite book was *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. She was so little when she discovered Harold's purple crayon that she had no idea what reading was. She thought all those black squiggles were part of the story, which she made up every time she opened the book.

After a while, her mother told her that there was an actual story in the book, made up of those black squiggles. Carolyn didn't believe her, and so made her read the story. When she made her mother read it again, *it was the same story*. That's when Carolyn learned what "reading" was, and has been in love with it ever since (but readily admits that she didn't get any good at it until about second grade).

Carolyn had the great good fortune of living in Dublin in her mid-20's. It was there, and in other places she visited in Ireland, that she discovered what good storytelling really was. Everyone, everywhere, could tell a story, even if it was only about getting on the bus that morning. Carolyn developed the habit of sitting in a corner of the pub and making up stories of the storytellers, i.e., who they were and what they were about (as they say in Ireland).

Carolyn recently "met" another great storyteller, Geoffrey Chaucer, when chance—and courage—favored her and she attended the Oxford University Summer School for Adults ([OUSSA](#)) for a week-long examination of *The Canterbury Tales*. In the middle of said week she had to submit a paper just as if she were an Oxford student (which technically she was). She will tell anyone who will listen that "having an Oxford-trained Medievalist tell you she likes your bibliography is one of the most thrilling moments you could ever have in your entire life. If you're me."

Carolyn lives in Boston, and because she has this feeling that she was a tour guide in a previous life, is embarking upon a historical series for kids that take place in Colonial Boston.

Carolyn is published by Flummery and Trivet, www.FlummeryAndTrivet.com.

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5 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me

1. My first car was a...I can't remember the brand but it was named Eleanor.
2. I was a junior librarian in fourth grade and knew the Dewey Decimal System.
3. I celebrate Pie Day, on March 14th (3/14--geddit?)
4. I am a vegetarian.
5. I discovered I had a fear of heights during the elevator ride up the Eiffel Tower.