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# Jacqueline Davies Biography

Jacqueline Davies was born on July 25, 1962, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Ann Rosati Davies and Dr. I. John Davies. She has a younger brother, Tom, and two older sisters, Leslie and Kim. Ms. Davies lived in Cleveland; Portland, Oregon; Hingham, Massachusetts; La Jolla, California; and Wellesley, Massachusetts, as a child. In 1980, she graduated from Wellesley High School and then went on to attend Brown University, where she was graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Writing. While at Brown, she studied with poet Michael Harper, novelist John Hawkes, and novelist Meredith Steinbach.

After graduating from college, Ms. Davies lived in Greece and France for two years. Upon returning to the Boston area to live, she began a successful career writing corporate marketing pieces on a freelance basis. In 1992, she wrote her first children's book, a picture book about a discontented blowfish; the book remains unsold to this day.

Ms. Davies has thirteen published children's books to her credit.

*Where the Ground Meets the Sky* (Cavendish, 2002) is a historical novel set in Los Alamos, New Mexico, during World War II. It tells the story of a 12-year-old girl who is witness to her father's efforts in building the first atomic bomb.

*The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon* (Houghton Mifflin, 2004, illustrated by Melissa Sweet) is a picture book that describes one year in the life of the famous naturalist as he befriends a pair of Phoebe birds and wonders if they will return to the same nest in the spring.

*The Night Is Singing* (Dial, 2006, illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker) is a lyrical, evocative lullaby book for the youngest readers.

*The House Takes a Vacation* (Cavendish, 2007, illustrated by Lee White) is a pun-filled fantasy about a house that decides to visit the beach for a summer holiday.

*Tricking the Tallyman* (Random House, 2009) is a historical fiction picture book that tells the hilarious story of one man's attempt to count the people of a town during the taking of the first U.S. Census in 1790. It is illustrated by S.D. Schindler.

*Lost* (Cavendish, 2009) is also historical fiction and is written for the young adult reader. It tells the story of a sixteen-year-old girl caught up in the tragedy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire.

*The Lemonade War* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007), which is the first book in the *Lemonade War* series, tells the story of a brother and sister who make a bet to see who can sell the most lemonade in five days. The second book in the series is *The Lemonade Crime* (2011); the third book is *The Bell Bandit* (2012); the fourth is *The Candy Smash* (2013); and the fifth and final book in the series is *The Magic Trap* (2014).

*Panda Pants* (Random House, 2016) is a picture book illustrated by Sydney Hanson about a little panda who wishes he had a pair of pants and his exasperated father who can't understand why a panda would ever want pants.

*Nothing But Trouble* (HarperCollins, 2016) tells the story of two smart girls in a small town who can't help but get into trouble by pulling pranks.

A new early chapter book series (illustrated by Deborah Hocking) debuts in 2021. *Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, February 2, 2021) is the first book in the series and introduces two unlikely friends, a skunk and a hedgehog, who set off to have the adventure of a lifetime. The second book in the series, *Sydney & Taylor Take a Flying Leap* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, August 3, 2021), tells the story of Taylor's Big Idea to be the

World's First Flying Hedgehog and Sydney's efforts to keep his friend safe. The third book in the series, *Sydney & Taylor and the Great Friend Experiment*, will be published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in Spring 2022.

A picture book, *Bubbles...UP!* (HarperCollins, May 18, 2021) is about the magical experience of an everyday visit to the community pool on a hot summer's day. It is illustrated by Sonia Sánchez.

Ms. Davies's books have won numerous awards, including the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students K-12, the John Burroughs List of Nature Books for Young Readers, The Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award, the New York Library's Best Books List, the NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People, the IRA/CBC Children's Award Notable Book for Fiction, the Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Books, and the CCBC Choices Award.

Ms. Davies lives in Needham, Massachusetts, and Brooksville, Maine. She enjoys reading, travel, hiking, swimming, painting, watching movies, and hanging out with her friends.

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