



### 3. Something About the Artist: Joe Weissmann

Joe was born in Austria and came to Canada when he was eleven. He is an illustrator who studied art at the Musée des beaux-arts and Concordia University, both in Montréal. He has worked for many publishers (books and magazines) in Canada and the United States and his books are sold internationally. His work leans towards cartoon and humour. He has also taught an illustration program for six years at Sheridan College in Ontario. Joe has always loved drawing and is always amazed at all the new stuff he gets to learn while doing research for his books. But most of all, seeing the end result is truly rewarding. He now lives in rural Ontario with his wife, two dogs and three cats.

His many books include the award winning *The Bug Book and Bottle*, *The Bird Book and Feeder*; *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* and most recently, *The Research Virtuoso*, *Three Tales of Adventure*, *Mummies*, *Monsters*, *Ghosts*, and *Magic*.

Joe has received a Gold Award from the Canadian Association of Photographers and Illustrators in Communications (CAPIC) for his mural/poster “A Star is Born”, a Silver Award from CAPIC for *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*, an Award for Excellence from the magazine *Applied Arts* also for his mural/poster “A Star is Born.” *The Bug Book and Bottle* received the Highest Rating and Best Bet award from the Canadian Toy Council. *Mummies* was nominated for the Silver Birch Award and the Red Cedar Award.

#### Publications

*The Research Virtuoso: Brilliant Methods for Normal Brains*. Written by the Toronto Public Library; illustrated by Joe Weissmann.  
Annick Press, 2006

*Three Tales of Adventure: Jack and the Beanstalk; The Steadfast Tin Soldier; Tom Thumb*. Written by Marilyn Helmer; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Kids Can Press, 2004

*Magic: A Strange Science Book*. Written by Sylvia Funston; illustrated by Joe Weissmann.  
Maple Tree Press, 2003

*Monsters: A Strange Science Book*. Written by Sylvia Funston; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Maple Tree Press, 2001

*Mummies: A Strange Science Book*. Written by Sylvia Funston; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Maple Tree Press, 2000

*Ghosts: A Strange Science Book*. Written by Sylvia Funston; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Maple Tree Press, 2001

*Truly Scary Stories for Fearless Kids*. Illustrated by Bill Slavin and Joe Weissmann.  
Key Porter Press, 1998

*Joseph Had a Little Overcoat.* Written by Simms Taback; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Prentice Hall Ginn Canada, 1996

*Hickory Dickory Duck, and Other Quacky Nursery Rhyme Puzzles.* Written by Pat Patterson; illustrated by Joe Weissmann. Greey de Pencier Books, 1981