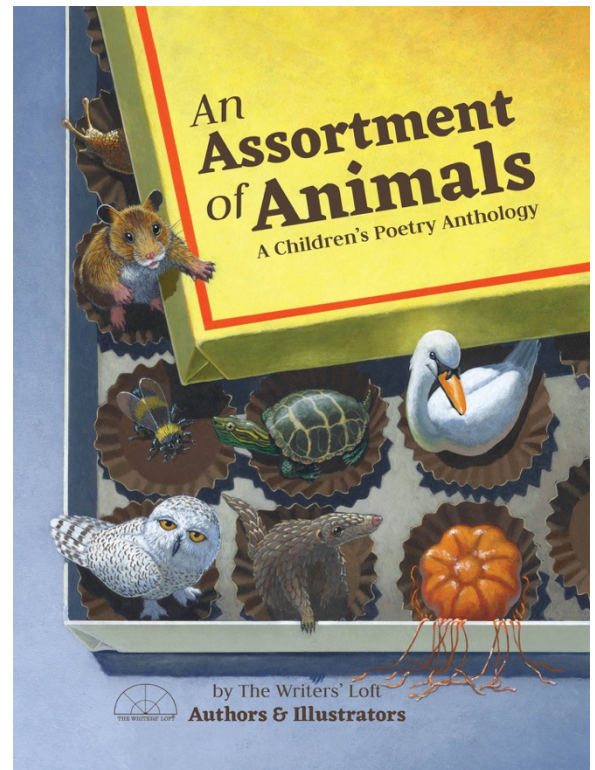


An Assortment of Animals: A Children's Poetry Anthology

The Writer's Loft

Thirty-two New England authors and illustrators, all from The Writers' Loft community, came together to publish *An Assortment of Animals: A Children's Poetry Anthology*.

The illustrations in the book were created by nine accomplished artists who work in both traditional and digital media, including acrylic paint, watercolor, collage, mixed media, colored pencil, pen and ink, and digital drawing and painting. Together, their art creates a diverse, colorful, creative, and inspiring assortment of illustration styles. The illustrations not only illuminate the poetry in the anthology but also stand alone as excellent work from local illustrators, including Priscilla Alpaugh, Jodie Apeseche, Doreen Buchinski, Sally Hinkley, Brian Lies, Marty Lapointe-Malchik, Deborah O'Brien, Robert Thibault, and Joy Nelkin Wieder.



The anthology takes the reader on a journey from funny to poignant and wistful to thrilling. The animals range from anteater to vulture, the poetry from limerick to free verse, and the art from dreamy watercolor to humorous digital drawing. Undiscovered poets' and illustrators' work sit side by side with never-before-seen work of accomplished authors and artists like **Caldecott Award winning Jane Yolen** and **Caldecott Honor Award winning Brian Lies** (creator of the *New York Times* bestselling *Bats at the Beach* and 2019 Caldecott Honor book *The Rough Patch*) who provided the cover art, a poem, and illustrations for the anthology. For more about the book, visit: <https://www.thewritersloft.org/books-1>

[The Writers' Loft](#), a non-profit local writing community in Sherborn, MA, proves that writing doesn't have to be a solitary pursuit. Founded in 2013 by **Heather Kelly**, The Writers' Loft offers workshops, classes, and writing space for writers of all ages and abilities. Contact: Writersloftma@gmail.com

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