

## **Tamara Petrosino:**

A graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, Tamara has always been creative with a passion for drawing and a deep love of all animals. When combined in her work the results are fun, quirky, colorful images with an affinity for creating animal characters. She has illustrated several children's books that include **Dog Poems, Cat Poems, No Plain Hair, The Spookiest Jack-O-Lantern Ever!, AA is for Aardvark,** and **A is for Zebra** and **There Once Was a Very Old School**, an IRA-CBC Children's book in 2005.

In addition to books, she has illustrated packaging, editorial materials, educational texts, licensed characters and designs for various companies and publications such as The New York Times, Scholastic, Pearsons, JW Pet Company, and Highlights magazine.

Tamara enjoys meeting her readers through book signings and readings at schools, book fairs and bookstores, as well as at her 2003 gallery show of children's book art in Princeton, NJ.

Tamara also takes pleasure in spending time with her pets and husband in NJ. She draws some of her inspiration from her 3 curious cats, giant koi fish, and other pets and people in her life.

Recently Tamara has been working on new kid's books, characters and designs for license and toy production and, as always, other fun projects.

### **Short description of barrel design:**

This fun illustration is called "Under Water." It depicts various microscopic organisms found in water. These organisms are named and created in a whimsical way to engage the viewer, especially children.

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