

Author/Illustrator Biographies

Blanche R. Dudley, Ed.D., is the author of the new *Siggy* picture book series on anti-bullying for younger readers. Dr. Dudley is a former educator and 1985 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. She earned a doctorate in education at West Virginia University and wrote her dissertation on enhancing the self-esteem of middle school children.

The author spends her free time birdwatching in her backyard where she finds inspiration for her picture book characters. Dr. Dudley lives in Reston, Virginia with her husband, W. J. Dudley. You can visit Blanche and her storybook friends at www.blanchedudley.com where you will also find useful tips and resources for teachers and parents and lots of fun activities for kids. Come visit!



Lawrence Reynolds specializes in the explosive collision of images, color, line, light, and shadow. His heroes and villains spring to life in lush, vibrant colors. Even the shaded hues seem to pulsate with emotion and imminent action.

Lawrence entered the Industrial Design program at the Center for Creative Studies: College of Art and Design in Detroit Michigan in the fall of 1989. He later transferred into the Graphic Communication program and eventually majored in Art direction. He recalls that “even in art school, I stood out as *the art director who knew how to draw.*”



Upon graduating in 1994, Lawrence began his career as an Art director working on numerous national accounts doing print and television work. *Siggy and the Bullies* is his first children’s book. He resides in Dallas, Texas. Visit the artist at his website at www.vividfury.com.