

About the Authors and Artists



CENZO CARIDDI, AGE 11, River Edge, New Jersey, Illustrator, “The Missing Coffee.” Cenzo lives with his mom, dad, 2 older brothers, 1 older sister, 2 cats, and 5 fish tanks with numerous fish. He enjoys drawing, creating comic strips, playing the guitar and wrestling.

MALLORY DIXON, AGE 10, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, Illustrator, “Flashlight Eyes.”

Mallory is a 5th grade student at Fairview Elementary School, in Mountain Top, PA. She loves to cheer and has been a Mt. Top Blitz cheerleader for 4 years. She is also proud to be a Girl Scout and is active in her community. Mallory plays the violin, loves to play on the computer, cooking, dance, and play with her friends. Her pets include a Cockapoo named Ginger and a goldfish named Wiggles. Mallory has a twin sister named Skyler, who



not only looks very different, but has very different interests. Mallory thinks she's like to be a chef when she grows up and bring her artistic talent to the kitchen.

JESSICA M. GARDINER, AGE 8, Michigan, Author, “The Statue.” Jessica is currently learning Japanese. She enjoys playing games on the computer and loves Webkinz. Some day she hopes to have a book published in print.

ALISON JUE, AGE 10, Phoenix, Arizona, Author, “Number the Stars: A Book Review.” Alison writes, “My name is Alison Jue. I am 10 years old and in the 4th grade. My hobbies include playing softball and riding my mini motorcycle. I like hanging out with my friends and being in Girl Scouts. My favorite subject in school is reading. My dream job is to be an astronomer. I am very proud to have my work published!”

SAMANTHA KENG, AGE 11, Smyrna, Georgia, Author, “Mystery.” Samantha writes, “Hi! My name is Samantha Keng. I am eleven years old and in sixth grade at Lovett. I live in Smyrna, GA. I have nine cats. When I grow up, I want to be a journalist and then go to Africa to help the kids there.”

CIARAVIC LALO, AGE 10, Wharton, New Jersey, Author, "The Case of the Missing Glass Easter Egg." Ciaravic writes, "I love to play soccer and basketball with my friends in Wharton, NJ. My favorite books are *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman and *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke. I go to chorus with friends, play the trumpet, and take care of my sisters. I spend my time reading, listening to music, and writing my dreams in stories."

SCOTT LAMUNYON, AGE 11, Towanda, Kansas, Author, "The Missing Coffee."

MATTHEW MCLOUGHLIN, AGE 10, Irvington, New York, Illustrator, "The Statue." Matthew writes, "I am 10 years old and in the 5th grade. I live in Irvington, New York. I love to draw and paint. I love reading mystery novels, watching T.V., playing P.S. video games and going to the movies. I like playing soccer. I love dogs and whales."



MIA MUELLER, AGE 11, Middletown, Delaware, Illustrator, "The Old Fashioned Typewriter." Mia writes, "My name is Mia Mueller and I am 11 years old. I live in Middletown, Delaware with my family. I was originally born in Germany, but my family moved to the states about 7 years ago. I have one brother named Merlin and one sister named Mae. We have two cats named

Snoopy and Felix. I enjoy playing soccer, drawing, writing, reading, and playing piano."

ALEXANDRA PALMER, AGE 12, Endwell, New York, Illustrator, "The Case of the Missing Glass Easter Egg." Alexandra Palmer is in 8th grade. Her passions are drawing, crocheting and reading. She is also on a swim team. Spending time with her family and dog are her favorite pastimes. Alexandra plans on going to school to pursue an art career.



JACK SHAPIRO, AGE 11, Harrison, New York, Illustrator, "Pumpkin Pie." Jack writes, "Hi my name is Jack Shapiro. I am eleven years old. I attend the sixth grade at LMK Middle School in Harrison, New York. One of my favorite hobbies



is to draw. I have been creating cartoons and monster figures since I was very young. I also enjoy reading lots of different books, especially fantasy. When I am not reading or drawing, you can usually find me playing tennis, baseball or soccer. I have two sisters and love spending time with my family and friends.

PERI SHEININ, AGE 8, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Author, "The Old Fashioned Typewriter." Peri is 8 years old, and has been writing stories for than a year. She writes a story almost every day. When Peri's not writing, she enjoys playing tennis, rock climbing, playing piano, and reading. She doesn't, however, enjoy math.

REBECCA TROUERN-TREND, AGE 10, Marlborough, Connecticut, Author, "Pumpkin Pie." Becky is 10 years old and lives with her parents and her older brother, younger brother, and two younger sisters in Marlborough, CT. She has two rabbits, two cats, and African-clawed frog, and of course, Baily, the dog, a golden lab. Becky would like to be a vet and live on a farm surrounded by acres of land and lots of animals when she grows up! In her free time Becky enjoys reading, writing and illustrating funny, creative stories, and spending time with her siblings. She also likes to spend time outdoors, especially swimming at the lake.

ELIZABETH WEAL, AGE 12, Atlanta, Georgia, Author, "Flashlight Eyes." Elizabeth Weal is a seventh grade student at Atlanta International School. She has been in a French language immersion program since she was 4 years old. Her favorite subjects are English and drama. She loves writing poetry and song lyrics, and listening to rock music, especially her favorite band, Panic at the Disco. Elizabeth is also trying to learn to skateboard and play guitar.