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### Meet the Author - Julia Heckathorn

Julia loves nature, children, and artwork which all come together in her Search for the Hidden Clover children's book series, educational events, and conservation projects.



### Artist

Julia received formal training at the Tyler School of Art and has always been driven by the challenge of combining media for an overall effect. The Search for the Hidden Clover series allows her to combine photography, drawing, poetry, writing, and digital editing into one visually intensive book. She loves the process of creating each aspect of children's books and insists upon taking most of her own photographs on-site. She also enjoys the adventure behind the research to get the photographs and regional information. These trips have taken her across the globe to islands, into rainforests, and through deserts. Her first two books were published in 2011, her third and fourth in 2012, and her activity book was released in 2013.

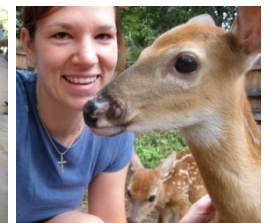
### Educator

Reading her stories and introducing children to fascinating animals are one of Julia's greatest joys. There is simply something magical about watching a child see a live kangaroo for the first time. She treasures the excitement that comes with a group of children looking for seals on the page of her book. Her books and events are intentionally tailored to take children on an adventure that happens to help them fall

in love with reading and nature. This interest allows her to further teach about her conservation work and the writing process. In 2012 and 2013 she conducted more than 60 Hidden Clover events at schools, fairs, churches, museums, and other venues. Beyond her efforts in the US, she volunteers for educational programs in Panama and Peru.

### Conservation

Julia began working with wildlife to rehabilitate injured deer in Virginia. Since then she has become USDA licensed for exotic animal exhibiting and has undertaken a major conservation initiative. She has focused primarily on marsupials and xenarthra. Her marsupials work has ranged from the largest, red kangaroo, to breeding sugar gliders, which are only a little larger than hamsters. In xenarthra, she has concentrated on tamandua (medium sized anteaters) and sloths. Her current conservation project (and subject of her latest book) is saving the three-toed pygmy sloth species and their habitat, Escudo Island, Panama. She co-authored the *Vision for Escudo Island*, produced "The Pygmy Sloths of Escudo Island" video, and built partnerships with the London Zoo, Dallas World Aquarium, Tree Foundation, and CONAVI.



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