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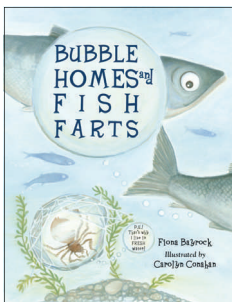
“Being a writer/illustrator allows me to explore, ponder, wonder, and wander every day, and call it working!”

Carolyn Conahan was a curious child. “Early on, I got the impression that the world was a strange and interesting place full of contrast, mystery, and surprise,” she says. Her childhood was spent drawing pictures, making up stories, and taking notes about the things around her. She grew up with her science teacher mom on a small farm on a dirt road. Adventure abounded on the farm, where she rode horses bareback, milked cows and goats, hauled hay, raised bees, and made jellies and jams. Each summer, Carolyn spent time with her father in Florida going on road trips in his Volkswagen van and snorkeling through coral reefs. Needless to say, her journals were filled with stories and sketches of her escapades.

Carolyn attended Reed College and the Pacific Northwest College of Art. She is the current staff illustrator of *Cricket* magazine and is the author of *The Twelve Days of Christmas Dogs* (Dutton Books). She has also illustrated several books by other authors, including *The Discontented Gopher* by L. Frank Baum and *The Prairie Dog Prince* (both South Dakota Historical Society Press) by Eva Katherine Gibson.

Carolyn continues to explore the world around her. She loves gardening, building and making things, walking and hiking with her family and dogs, and traveling. She lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband, and has two grown daughters.

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