

# Author Spotlight with Jeanie Franz Ransom



## How did you come up with the idea for *What Really Happened to Humpty?*

Like most of my ideas, it came from one of my “what if” moments . . . as in, “What if Humpty Dumpty was pushed?”

## You’ve said that you’d like to do a sequel to *Humpty*. What would this entail?

It would entail having another great story idea—no pressure, right? LOL. Actually, Joe Dumpty, P.I., is working on another case as I type this. I’m not at liberty to talk about it yet, though.



## 3. You sold your first story to *Seventeen Magazine* when you were 17. What was the story about?

It was a short humor piece about my cooking skills—or rather, my lack of cooking skills. Fortunately for my family, I’ve greatly improved in the food preparation avenue of life.

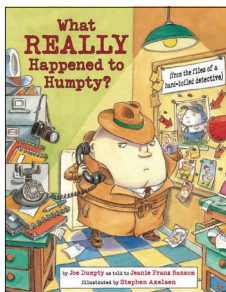
## 4. *What Really Happened to Humpty* was sent to Charlesbridge in 2003 and was not published until 2009. Did you ever give up hope that the book would see bookstore shelves?

No, because as the author of several picture books, I’ve learned that waiting is part of the process. Sometimes it’s just a bigger part of the process than others.

## 5. What do you like to do when you’re not writing?

I love to read, hang out with my family, walk my two dogs, bake cookies, take naps, and drink Starbucks. Lots and lots of Starbucks.

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## A scrambled mess . . .

Joe Dumpty, Humpty’s brother and private detective, thinks Humpty Dumpty’s fall was no accident. But who would have pushed him? Was it Little Miss Muffet? Old Mother Hubbard? Chicken Little? Joe has until five o’clock to question characters and catch the culprit.