

Lynn Plourde



"I love sharing my books with kids. I get to watch them smile, cry, or laugh in all the right places."

As a bookworm and teacher's pet, Lynn Plourde wanted to become a teacher herself one day. Growing up in Skowhegan, Maine, her nose was always in a book. Her parents would have to shoo her outside to get some fresh air. But, she would always sneak a book outside with her! Her love of reading followed her into adulthood. Every night after tucking her two children into bed, Lynn would settle in the living room with stacks and stacks of the picture books that she had checked out from the library for her two boys. "I was fascinated by them and began to dream that maybe I would write picture books." Her dream eventually came true with the publication of her first book, *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud* (Scholastic).

Writing was not Lynn's first career, however. Lynn attended the University of Maine and received bachelor's and master's degrees in speech therapy. She was a speech therapist for twenty-one years before becoming a children's book author. This career actually led her onto the path of becoming a writer.

"Speech therapy gave me my start as a published author. I believe that in today's visual world, all children need extra help learning to be good listeners and speakers." Based on her experiences as a speech therapist, Lynn developed a series of instructional books with fun games and activities for children. Now she works as a full-time author and has published numerous books for children.

Lynn lives in Winthrop, Maine, with her husband, daughter, and family dog, Maggie.

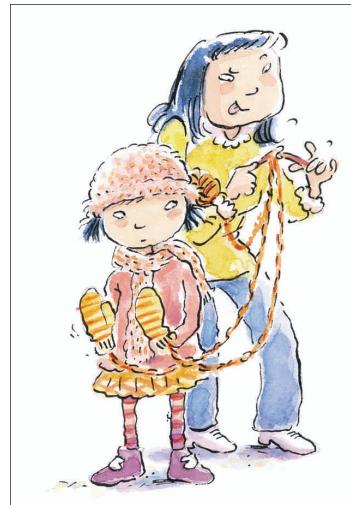
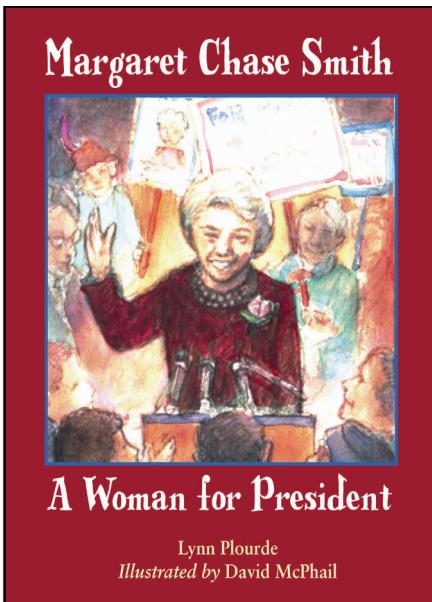


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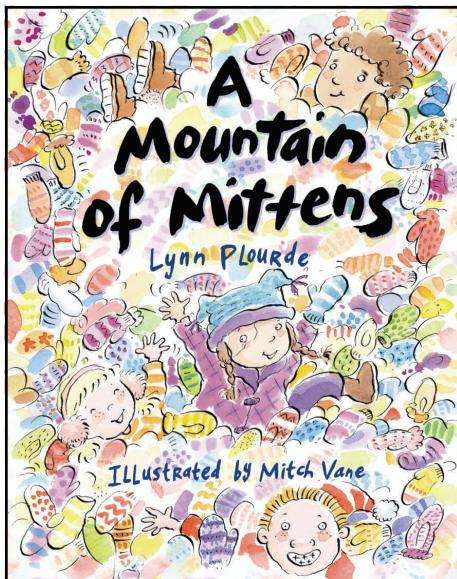
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