

Po & Me

Written by Gaylen Blade
Illustrated by Lucie Rivard

Book Description

This is a wonderful tale of a rabbit named Po and the fun times that she had with her owner. A sweet tale of friendship and love.

About the Author & Illustrator

Gaylen started, in her early years, as a musician. She traveled across the country playing with bands and, for many years, as a duet with her husband. She temporarily quit the musical industry to pursue a more stable life which involved giving birth to her beloved daughter, Amorette. Gaylen resumed her musical career, for a number of years, while attending college, and training, for more customary employment.



During her academic stint, Gaylen majored in English and Photography, acquiring her Baccalaureate in the arts, at Pierce and Evergreen Universities. Gaylen received a grant to go to England and do a thesis on Princess Diana, entailing her life, career, her friends and her childhood. This endeavor was after Diana was tragically killed in an accident.

During these times, Gaylen raised, and showed, a variety of animals, from rabbits to canines. Her writings are all about the experiences that she had, with each and every one, as her special friends.

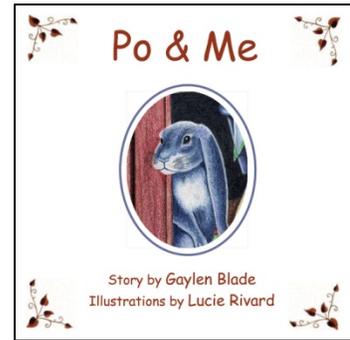
One of her dearest lop eared rabbits was named Harpo. Harpo became her initial inspiration to write her series of books *My Pets and Me*. *Po & Me* is the first of this series.

Lucie Rivard is a self-taught artist residing in Ontario, Canada with her husband and son. Her childhood has been immersed in the passion for art, with her mother and grandmother as oil painters and wood carvers. As a child Lucie was very drawn to expressing herself while experimenting with many types of medium. Her favorite mediums are colored pencil and acrylic. She says the many layers of colored pencil create dimension in her illustrations and acrylic offers vibrant colors in her paintings.



Lucie has been commissioned for fine art and children's portraiture as well as having her artwork featured on the cover of two magazines. Currently, Lucie is working with the Ontario Association of Junior Educators along with authors Les Asselstine and Rod Peturson to create the Essentially Science and Technology 20-book series.

Lucie enjoys the opportunity to create pieces of art that will compliment any story. Acrylic, colored pencil, black/white charcoal on gray paper and pen & ink are the mediums that Lucie is currently working with.



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