

# Amy E. Sklansky

## children's book author



Amy Sklansky's love affair with books began long before she could read, continued through the "reading under the covers with a flashlight after lights out" years, then found a career outlet at HarperCollins Children's Books in New York City and Studio Goodwin Sturges in Boston. After editing for several years, Amy began writing her own books.

Amy's first book, *From the Doghouse: Poems to Chew On*, explores the canine world with 25 poems told from a dog's point of view. It was praised by School Library Journal for its "easy rhymes and bouncy rhythm." The Journal also praised the beadwork illustrations by Karla Firehammer, Cathy McQuitty, Sandra Koeser, and Karen Dismukes as "innovative and attractive, lending glimmer, texture, and dimension to the book."

Her second book, *Skeleton Bones and Goblin Groans: Poems for Halloween*, celebrates the spooky and silly aspects of Halloween. With more beaded illustrations by Karen Dismukes, this poetry collection was called "engaging" by School Library Journal and "a treat" by Kirkus.

Amy's first nonfiction picture book, *Where Do Chicks Come From?* (illustrated by Pam Paparone), introduces the development of an egg into a chick. Booklist wrote: "neither flowery nor clinical, Sklansky's straightforward presentation hits just the right tone for young children who will find details of life inside the egg fascinating."

Amy's fourth book, *My Daddy and Me* (illustrated by Ard Hoyt), is a universal story of love between father and child. "Forget the tie and the 'No. 1 Dad' mug," wrote The Florida Times-Union. "[The book] is a sweet but not cloying story that makes a great Father's Day gift."

Amy's latest book, *The Duck Who Played the Kazoo* (illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke), tells the story of a lonely, kazoo-playing duck on a quest for joy and companionship. Booklist described it as a "sensitive, upbeat picture book" featuring "rhyming couplets, punctuated with an onomatopoeic kazoo-blast refrain" and "graceful, lulling rhythms."



Amy lives with her husband and two children in St. Louis, Missouri.