April Jones Prince

Lecturer, Department of Literary Arts & Studies Rhode Island School of Design Ajones03@risd.edu

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., Journalism & Mass Communication, 1997 UNC Honors Program, London School of Economics, 1995 Radcliffe Publishing Course, Certificate in Publishing, 1997

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, "Diet and Exercise in Seventeen Magazine, 1965-1995"

Employment History

2015-Present	Lecturer, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
2002-Present	Editor, Studio Goodwin Sturges, Boston, MA and Providence, RI
1999-Present	Children's Author and Freelance Writer, various publishers
1999-2002 1998-1999 1997-1998	Children's Bookseller, Borders Bookshop, Framingham, MA Assistant Editor, HarperCollins Children's Books, New York, NY Editorial Assistant, Morrow Junior Books, New York, NY

Publishing

Children's Books

How Do You Know You're a Reader?/How Do You Know You're a Writer? (forthcoming, Holiday House, 2021)

The Snowy Race (forthcoming, Holiday House, 2019)

101 Trucks and Other Rulers of the Road (forthcoming, Scholastic, 2019)

101 Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Reptiles (Scholastic, 2018)

Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Fall 2017)

Who Was Frederick Douglass? (Penguin/Grosset, 2014)

Dig In! (Abrams/Appleseed, 2013)

Dive In! (Abrams/Appleseed, 2013)

Jackie Robinson: He Led the Way (Penguin/Grosset, 2008)

Valentine Friends (Scholastic, 2007)

What Do Wheels Do All Day? (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2006)

Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2005) Who Was Mark Twain? (Penguin/Grosset, 2004) Meet Our Flag, Old Glory (Little, Brown, 2004)

Ghostwritten children's books

Celebrity picture book published by major New York trade book publisher, 2007 Series of 13 extensively researched picture, chapter, and middle-grade books for nonfiction series published by major New York trade book publisher, 2001-2005

Book Reviews

Serious Farm by Tim Egan, The Five Owls 2004
Scranimals by Jack Prelutsky, The Five Owls 2003
Rise the Moon by Eileen Spinelli, The Five Owls 2003
They Came From the Bronx by Neil Waldman, The Five Owls 2002
The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins, The Five Owls January/February 2000
Emeline at the Circus by Marjorie Priceman, The Five Owls September/October 1999
When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang, The Five Owls March/April 1999

10 Minutes till Bedtime by Peggy Rathman, The Five Owls November/December 1998 Morning on the Lake by Jan Bourdeau Waboose, The Five Owls September/October 1998 Beach Play by Marsha Hayles, The Five Owls July-August 1998

Awards

Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2017)

Best Children's Book of November (2017), Ages 6-8, chosen by Amazon editors

Dig In! (Abrams Appleseed, 2013)

- * A Parents' Choice Fun Stuff Award Winner
- * Best Children's Book of the Year (2013), Baby-Age 2, chosen by Amazon editors

What Do Wheels Do All Day? (Houghton Mifflin, 2006)

- * Child Magazine Best Books of the Year 2006
- * Featured on PBS's "Between the Lions" Fall 2010

Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing (Houghton Mifflin, 2005)

- * New York Public Library's One Hundred Books for Reading & Sharing 2005
- * Notable Social Studies Trade Book for 2006
- * Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Seal

Visiting Author/Speaker

Visiting Author, preschool-grade 6, schools and libraries in New England, New Jersey, and Utah, 2001-present. Programs include "Ideas! Words! Action!," "How a Book is Made," "Writing a Brilliant Biography," "Working With Wheels," and "Building a Book"

Professional Development, Berkshires Reading Council, "Writing a Brilliant Biography," January 2015