

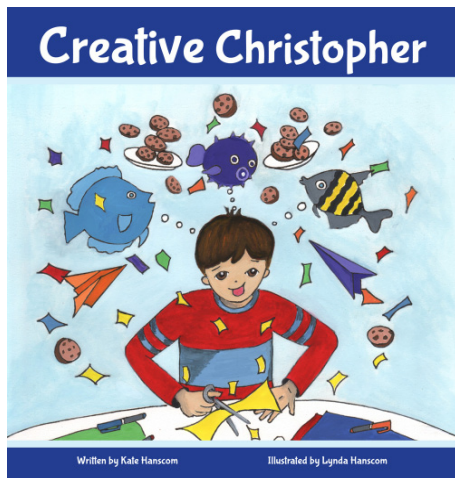


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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK CHAMPIONS CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION AUTHOR EDIFIES CHILDHOOD CREATIVITY TO EDUCATE AND DELIGHT READERS



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For immediate release: Children are some of the most imaginative and creative individuals; their imaginations seem to be limitless. *Creative Christopher* (Ambassador International; July 2015; \$14.99, hardcover) is the story of one boy who exercises his creative muscles when he gets snowbound at his grandparents' house. In her latest book, author Kate Hanscom emboldens children to tap into their creative potentials while educating them on some of the more creative features of language.

Creative Christopher takes readers through Christopher's day when he is trapped inside without many of his toys. Christopher, along with his Papa and Nana, spend the day imagining themselves in different scenarios by using everyday objects around the house. The trio enjoys exploring and playing in all different parts of the world without ever leaving the warmth and safety of Nana and Papa's house thanks to Christopher's imagination.

The book also includes a resource page to help teach children about synonyms, referencing sentences that appear in the story. In addition, Hanscom includes pages to inspire the creative minds of her readers, challenging them to get creative with just a limited supply of everyday materials.

Hanscom is also the author of *Literal Lily* and *Fickle Fiona*, two stories that educate young readers on language and decision making, respectively. In her third book, Hanscom draws from her own family and experiences to help foster a creative spirit in children while entertaining them with Christopher's fun adventures.

About the Author: Kate Hanscom grew up in Utica, New York. A graduate of Stonehill College, she currently lives in Auburn, Massachusetts, with her husband Chris and family. Since the publication of her first book, *Literal Lily*, Kate has found such joy and fulfillment in sharing her stories with those who will learn from and be delighted by them most: children! In her third book, *Creative Christopher*, she hopes to share not only her love of words but also the fun of imagination! She hopes that when readers meet Christopher, they are encouraged to dream, explore, and have a ball with the ideas that pop into their heads!

About the Illustrator: Lynda Hanscom is originally from Long Island, New York. She holds a BFA from St. John's University and an MAT from the Rhode Island School of Design. As an art teacher, she guided hundreds of budding student artists from kindergarten through high school to be creative through drawing, painting, and sculpting. In this, her fourth book, Lynda is happy to lend her own son's face and name to *Creative Christopher*! Also the illustrator for *Tough Tommy* (a children's bereavement book), *Literal Lily*, and *Fickle Fiona*, Lynda lives in Northern Connecticut with her loving and supportive husband, Doug.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Creative Christopher*, please contact publicist Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the author:

1. What led you to write *Creative Christopher*?
2. Where did you get all of the fun exclamations that Nana makes in the story?
3. How can this book help children learn more about the creativity of language?
4. Why is it important for children to be creative, especially with language?
5. What do you like to do to feel creative?
6. What would you tell someone who thinks they aren't particularly the "creative type"?
7. What, to you, was the most creative part of making *Creative Christopher*, and why?
8. What is the main lesson you hope young readers learn from *Creative Christopher*?



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