

Jo-Marie's Speaker Introduction

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a very tiny person living inside of a tree? What would your life be like? What challenges would you face? What would you do if something in your safe world suddenly went terribly wrong?

Jo-Marie, the author of the Adi's World series, has created a tiny world where shy girls grow into leaders, bullies become heroes, and where people learn to work together and trust in someone special.

Jo-Marie loves sharing her love of story-telling and her passion for writing with students of all ages. Her goal is to make Adi known and loved world-wide, looking forward to the day when her young readers share Adi with their children and grandchildren, just as she shared her favorite characters with her own sons.

Jo-Marie draws her stories and characters from her life experiences: developing from a shy, socially-clumsy girl into a leader and teacher; and experiencing the joys and concerns of raising two amazing sons. She now lives the lesson she always taught her students, that life is a journey and you must live your dreams.

Having enjoyed a successful twenty-four year career as an elementary school educator, Jo-Marie stepped out of her familiar academic arena into a world previously unknown to her, the world of writing books. She knows that while she has always been a story-teller, stepping into this new career wasn't totally her decision. It was her fifth-grade students who gave her the "nudge" she needed. She honestly admits, "My fifth-graders made me do it!"

Let's give a warm welcome to today's author and story-telling, Jo-Marie.