



KAREN MAGNUSON BEIL

Children's book author Karen Beil says that "Children who are exposed early to math concepts in picture books have an easier time understanding those concepts when they meet up with them again in school." Her new book, **Moove Over!**, zeroes in on a concept that's tough for young children—counting by twos.

"I wanted to tackle a math concept that hadn't been done yet in picture books," Beil said. "So I cast around to find a story where a character needed to count quickly and efficiently—by twos. The story had to be fun—fun to read out loud and loaded with places where kids could chime in and be part of the story."

The book was inspired by a joke Beil's mother used to play on her granddaughters. She would pile into the back of the car with Beil's daughters and ask if they had enough room. When they answered yes, she would say, "Well, then move over," and give them a playful push. Says Beil, "I'd been contemplating how to use that idea for a few years. Then suddenly this pushy cow elbowed her way into my manuscript!"

Karen Beil's other math-related book, **A Cake All for Me!**, focuses on measurement and sharing.

Karen Magnuson Beil has worked as a news reporter in Chicago, an editor, a science writer covering environmental issues, and now writes for children full time. She earned her bachelor's degree in English literature and magazine journalism from Syracuse University. Ms. Beil loves to meet her young readers when she presents writing programs in schools and libraries across the country. She conducts these workshops "to excite kids about reading" and to integrate writing with literature, science, math, and social studies. Karen and her husband live in upstate New York, and they have two grown daughters.

Books by Karen Magnuson Beil Available from Holiday House

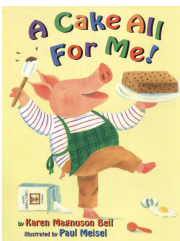


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MOOOVE OVER! A Book About Counting by Twos

Illustrated by Paul Meisel

Passengers are boarding the Countingtown trolley two by two. But when chaos breaks out, it takes a driver with a good head for numbers to restore order in this fun-filled counting book.



A CAKE ALL FOR ME!

Illustrated by Paul Meisel

A pig discovers the joy of cooking and sharing with friends in this picture book that introduces the concept of measuring.

"A tasty treat."—*School Library Journal*