



MEET illustrator

**David A. White** and discover the inspiration behind his depictive illustrations featured in

## **BODY ACTIONS**

by Shelley Rotner and David A. White

**Q: What are your favorite interests and activities?**

**A:** I am like a giant kid. I love robots, video games, toys, and drawing!

**Q: What was your favorite book growing up?**

**A:** Since I am an artist, my favorite books were all picture books. I honestly don't remember the titles, but they were science fiction or dinosaur related. Anything that showed some crazy new spaceship that was heading to Mars for an adventure, etc. . . .

**Q: What is your favorite memory from childhood?**

**A:** Any Christmas from the '80s! I loved getting new toys, and that was a golden era for toys with the release of the Star Wars movies, He-Man, GI Joe, and Transformers.

**Q: Did you have any pets? If so, which one was your favorite?**

**A:** I had a dog named Tiger. He was a mutt, with at least a little Doberman in him. He was short and stocky, with short black hair and a tan muzzle. Most importantly, he was my best friend.

**Q: What inspired you to illustrate and when did you know you would become an illustrator?**

**A:** My passion for drawing started when I was about four. I was mostly inspired by airplanes and trucks. I also loved to draw dinosaurs that I had seen in books. Then I discovered Japanese cartoons about robots, and that became my passion. I love to draw robots and machines.

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