

Short Bio

Nancy Hudgins was born and raised in Virginia, graduated from Boston University and the University of Virginia School of Law, and then practiced law in California. After one brief dip into writing a children's book in 2001, she trained to be a mediator and began to help settle disputes as well as continuing to practice law.

When she began thinking about writing children's books in earnest, Nancy attended multiple writing-for-children seminars through the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Highlights Foundation and participated in critique groups through Inked Voices. Now she focuses on writing biographies and nonfiction.

Nancy lives in Northern California, where she and her rescue dog, Buddy, are co-stewards of a Little Free Library dedicated to children's books. When not researching, writing and revising new books, Nancy enjoys bocce, hiking, women's soccer (watching), board games and, like Ursula, jigsaw puzzles. She has been known to binge-watch a TV show or two.

She is delighted to be represented by Rachel Orr at Prospect Agency: rko@prospectagency.com.

Book Blurb

Nancy Hudgins's debut book is:

BOOKS GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU: The Extraordinary Life of Children's Book Editor Ursula Nordstrom

To be published by Abrams in Spring 2026, this middle grade biography chronicles Ursula's early life and follows her career through 16 iconic children's books she edited, from *Goodnight Moon* to *Charlotte's Web* to *Harold and the Purple Crayon* to *Where the Wild Things Are* to *Harriet the Spy* to *Stevie*. Although Ursula was painfully shy at first, over a 37-year career she grew into a force of nature, championing children's books that challenged old assumptions and charted new territory that others followed.