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Children's Books by Sally O. Lee

Sally O. Lee, a local author/illustrator has written and illustrated thirteen children's books for the age range of 4 - 11. Sally's background is painting, drawing and graphic design. After many years of art exhibits and working as a freelance graphic designer, Sally decided to try her hand at children's books. She has a BA in Studio Art/Art History from Colby College in Waterville, ME.

"My mother and I created a children's book together called "Today I sat". I enjoyed the process so much that I decided to create one on my own. My first book "Lucy". "Lucy" is about a bunny who is deaf on one ear. I also lost the hearing in my left ear, and I wanted to talk about this in a story so that perhaps I could help someone else (a child or an adult) who was struggling with a disability. I wanted to say that life isn't over, but that it is just beginning!

Art has always been a

very important part of my life Now I have thirteen books all and I was always encouraged along the way by professors and friends to pursue my love of art. When I finished college, I knew that I wanted to be an artist but I didn't know where art would take me. After many years of painting and trying to survive in the art world, I finally got a "real" job as a secretary at a University. This allowed me to pursue my artist endeavors whatever they may be.

The children's books were sort of a fluke but I loved the process so much that I kept writing and illustrating. The next hurdle to jump was trying to get them published. After many years of trying the standard procedure of submitting them to publishing companies, my mother noticed that there was a emerging business of selfpublishing companies. I called one of them, Booksurge.com, and asked if they would publish my children's book. For a nominal fee, I was able to publish "Lucy".

published by Booksurge. Some books deal with disabilities, some are simply about friendship and adventures, and some are coloring

They are starting to sell. I have had a few book readings at local libraries. And I have given a set of the books to several local libraries in my area. Since I also have web design abilities, I have also created a web site to feature my books. The site is:

www.leepublishing.net.

One of the features is that you can download the books for free from the site. Since they are not in bookstores yet, this is a good way to see them. All the books can be purchased from:

www.booksurge.com www.amazon.com.

I figured, it beats have the manuscripts sitting on my living room coffee table forever!

The books come in both soft and hard cover. These make great gifts and you can buy them for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Happy Reading!"

For more information, you can send email to info@leepublishing.net.

About the author (featured on the Amazon.com web site)

Author and illustrator Sally O. Lee grew up in northeastern Massachusetts. She earned her BA in Studio Art and Art History (with distinction) from Colby College and studied graphic design and painting in Boston and New York City. Her work resulted in an art grant from MIT to conceive and create a series of paintings, and from this came her 2002 exhibition- A Journey Into Abstraction. Ms. Lee has written and illustrated nine children's books, most of them dealing

with the struggles of living with some form of handicap...or, as the author prefers to call it, imperfection. Many of her illustrations have been published and she has earned both academic and public recognition for her important work in children's books. For more information about her children's books, click on http://www.leepublishing.net.

Check the Lee Publishing web site for local upcoming book readings.

> Sally O. Lee www.leepublishing.net info@leepublishing.net

Upcoming Book Reading:

Saturday, December 10th 10:30 am

> Hamilton-Wenham **Public Library**

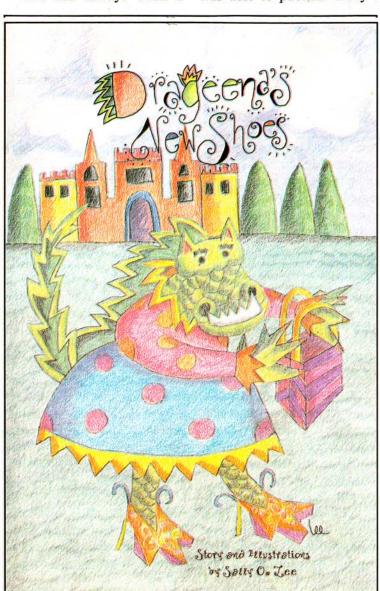
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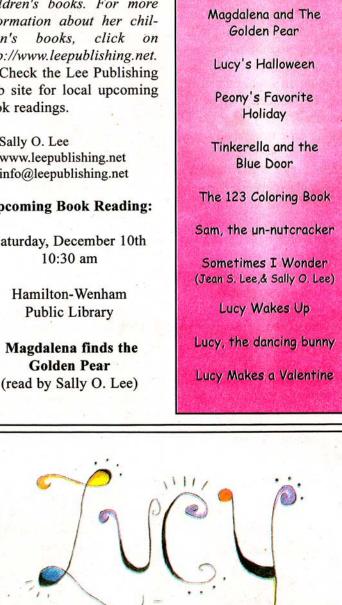
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