

## STORIES & SONGS TOGETHER

I thought I had a tin ear. So did Mrs. Hollrith, the church organist who told me to “sing silently.” But as a children’s author, I’ve created music for a long time. I knew:

**Words that have patterns, like higgledy-piggledy, are fun to say.**

**When you put certain words together, the rhythm is delicious.**

**Books with jazzy rhythms are irresistible to kids . . . and adults!**

Stories and songs go together like peas and carrots. A song helps a child learn language and reading, just like a book. In the best collaborations, lyrics sound like the book, but aren’t a word-for-word re-creation. Instead, the song acts as a “musical illustration” to a picture book that offers readers a deeper--and more memorable--understanding of the story.

Recently, I joined a grammy award winning music team in Nashville to create songs for children, many as “musical illustrations” of my books. Modern kids have modern taste, so we write smokin’ hot music that kids and adults can enjoy.

Dog Parade (the book) and Dog House Jamboree (the song) are our first debut. In Dog Parade, you’ll meet Tinkles, Gracie-pants, Lovie, Fritzie, Weenie, Walter, Comet, Ike and Jack. One by one, they “get on their get-up and put their best paw forward.”

**Everybody’s coming-- furry ones barky ones running-in-the-parky ones**

What happens after the parade? How do these hounds wind down?  
Find out in the song, Doghouse Jamboree. It’s a party!

**Here comes Mr. You-Know-Who**

**Mr. Attitude, too cool for school--**

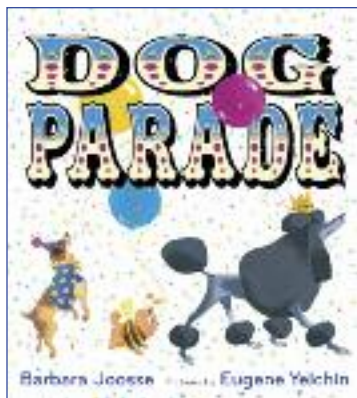
**Yappin’ it up with some young pup**

**Just moved to town, thinks she’s hot stuff.**

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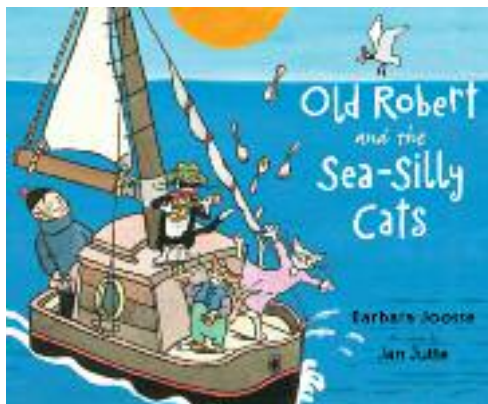
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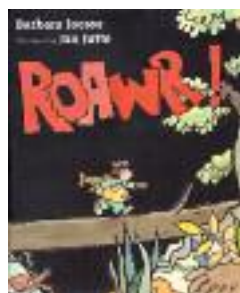
LISTEN TO THE SONG:  
*Doghouse Jamboree*  
at DoubleCake.net

*Dog Parade*, the book  
Illustrated by Eugene Yelchin  
Published by Harcourt  
978-0-15-206690-1  
\$16.99



LISTEN TO THE SONG:  
*Old Robert*  
at DoubleCake.net

**Coming Spring 2012!**  
*Old Robert and the Sea-Silly Cats*, the book  
Illustrated by Jan Jutte  
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Illustrated by Jan Jutte  
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*Sleeper At Grandma's House*  
Illustrated by Jan Jutte  
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*Mama, Do You Love Me?*  
Illustrated by Barbara Lavalée  
Published by Chronicle  
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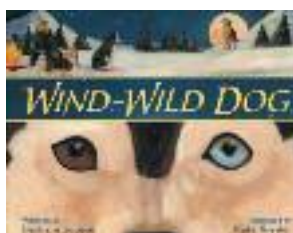
*Papa, Do You Love Me?*  
Illustrated by Barbara Lavalée  
Published by Chronicle  
0-8118-4265-7  
\$15.95



*Please Is a Good Word to Say*  
Illustrated by Jennifer Plecas  
Published by Philomel  
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\$12.99



*Love Is a Good Thing to Feel*  
Illustrated by Jennifer Plecas  
Published by Philomel  
978-0-399-25168-9  
\$12.99



*Wind-Wild Dog*  
Illustrated by Kate Kiesler  
Published by Henry Holt  
0-850-7053-2  
\$16.95



*I Love You the Purplest*  
Illustrated by Mary Whyte  
Published by Chronicle  
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