

## About The Author

Diana Fagen Johnson from age six on has made writing of plays and stories her first career love. Diana wrote *The Blue Ribbon* in first grade. She directed, cast, and lit the show on a small stage she found in her school's basement. From then on, Diana delighted in writing. Children's books, screenplays, stage plays, poetry, and freelance non-fiction interviews for newspapers and magazines have occupied her spare time throughout her career.

As an English and Theatre major at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Diana received her BA degree in 1985. Later, she studied graduate level feature film writing at Northwestern.

Diana's published writings include a two-page interview of well-known jewelry designer Lee Brevard which appeared in *The Daily Herald*, an article entitled "Try Decorating Your Home Walls With Fabric" which appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor*, as well as poems and articles for children published in *The Christian Science Sentinel*. Diana's work also appeared in *LA News* and *Inprint* – two in-house publications for the Laura Ashley stores.

The publication of Diana's bi-lingual children's book *Princesa & Friskie* which features illustrations by renowned Hanna-Barbera illustrator Ernesto Lopez is her crowning achievement. *Princesa & Friskie* has been a steady seller at Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Borders Books and other booksellers and has enchanted children throughout the world. In support of *Princesa & Friskie*, Diana hosted numerous readings at bookstores and libraries, including a Valentine's Day book signing/reading at the world famous Storyopolis children's bookstore in Beverly Hills, CA. Both *Princesa & Friskie* and Diana's grandmother's classic children's book *Delicia & Adolphus* were featured in a month-long exhibition at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library in Arlington Heights, IL.

The William Kerwin Agency represents Diana's six spec screenplays which include *Tangled Web*, *Princesa!*, *Carnival*, *Dear Jeremy*, *The Outsider*, *Dear Vincente*, plus treatments for spec screenplays *The Adventures Of Little Leon* and *Dreamhouse*.

A short film version of her screenplay *The Outsider* is currently in development.

Diana is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and a member of the Society of Midland Authors.

Diana's family includes husband Don, sons Jeff and Randy, daughter-in-law Kathy and granddaughters Gwyndolyn and Rosemary.