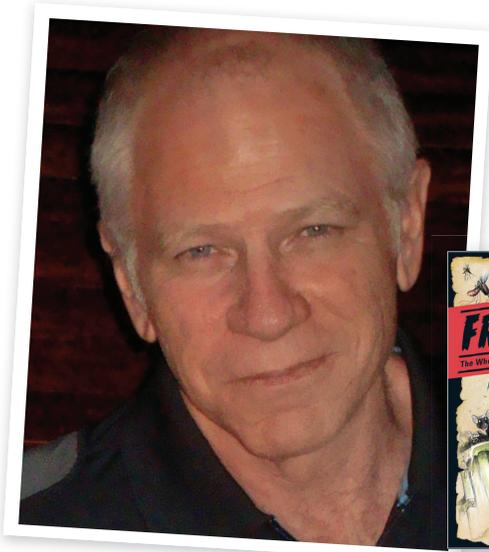


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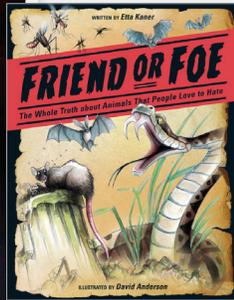
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Meet illustrator David Anderson

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When you were a kid, what was your favorite thing to do?

As a kid, I loved telling stories and putting on shows for my family. I often conned my cousins into performing. Singing, dancing, and acting out our mini-novellas are among my favorite childhood memories.

What did you most dislike doing when you were a child?

I attended boarding school at a very young age and going back to school always seemed like the worst thing.

As a child, where did you dream of living?

I used to imagine being shipwrecked on a tropical island and living off the land.

What did you think you were good at when you were a kid?

Cartooning and caricature.

When you were a kid in school, what did you look for in a friend?

A sense of humor and loyalty.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be the editorial cartoonist for a major newspaper.

What was your favorite book as a child?

I loved all the Brer Rabbit stories.



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What is your favorite pastime now?

I work in the garden and enjoy attracting birds and insects to our yard.

What do you find an absolute chore?

Paperwork and taxes.

If you could live anywhere, where would you go?

Somewhere a little warmer.

What is the one talent you wish you had?

I wish I could play the piano.

What makes a good friend?

Consistency.

If you weren't an author or illustrator, what job would you have?

Something to do with preserving the environment.

What children's books have caught your attention lately?

Me...Jane by Patrick McDonnell and *The Man with the Violin* by Kathy Stinson and Dušan Petričić.

If you had to have a motto, what would it be?

Keep growing.