



Jesse Graber, Illustrator

Project Play:

Jesse met Marlene through a teacher at the American Academy of Art towards the end of his senior year. He eagerly began illustrating the books.

Professional Experience:

Worked as Illustrator for Celtic Marketing while pursuing freelance illustration jobs. Has illustrated for clients including Highlights For Children, Wellmark International, Flexco, Havistan, The City of Chicago, Mennonite Church USA, and the Menomonee Club.

Education:

Bachelor of Art in Art, Bethel College, North Newton, KS
Bachelor of Fine Art in Illustration, American Academy of Art, Chicago, IL

Community Service:

Served 2 years through Mennonite Voluntary Service at Patchwork Central in Evansville, IN, as program assistant at art program. Delivers art and music programs to community groups and events.

Personal:

Married to Ruth Harder, associate pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Jesse plays fiddle and banjo in various bands and the musical saw only to himself.

Background:

Jesse grew up in Newton, KS, went to college in nearby North Newton, KS, spent several years in Evansville and Elkhart Indiana, moved to Chicago to return to school, and most recently moved back to Kansas, closer to his family