Corinna Luyken

2024 bio + artist statement

Bio:

Corinna Luyken is the author-illustrator of ABC AND YOU AND ME (A Dolly Parton Imagination Library Blue Ribbon Selection); THE TREE IN ME (an NCTE Notable Poetry Book and Indie Bestseller); MY HEART (A New York Times Best Seller); and THE BOOK OF MISTAKES (which The Wall Street Journal called “sublime”). She is also the illustrator of IN THE DARK and NOTHING IN COMMON, both written by Kate Hoefler; PATCHWORK (A New York Times and Kirkus Best Picture Book of 2022), written by Matt de la Peña; SOMETHING GOOD and ADRIAN SIMCOX DOES NOT HAVE A HORSE, both written by Marcy Campbell; and WEIRD LITTLE ROBOTS, written by Carolyn Crimi.

Artist Statement:

Luyken’s work is rooted in improvisation and explores themes of connection, perception, and misperception. She is interested in stories that reframe and question our assumptions, and the role of art (and books) in changing how we see and understand the world around us. She was raised in Oregon, California, and Hawaii; and studied dance improvisation, poetry, and printmaking at Middlebury College in Vermont. She now lives in Western Washington, near the Salish Sea, where she also likes to dig in the dirt, surf, and read with a cat (or two) on her lap.

You can see more of her work at www.corinnaluyken.com