

## About Mary Nethery

Mary Nethery is the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Publisher's Weekly* bestselling author of many picture books for children, as well as books for readers of all ages.

She has collaborated with her dear friend, Newbery Honor recipient Kirby Larson, to write *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*, and *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle*.

*Two Bobbies* received the ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award, the 2009 SIBA Book Award, and was featured on NPR's All Things Considered. and is a Junior Library Guild selection; a 2009 IRA Teachers' Choice; a 2009 IRA/CBC Children's Choice, a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People; and is included in The Best Children's Books of the Year, Bank Street College.

*Nubs* is a *New York Times* Best Seller and recipient of the Christopher Award, the 2009 National Parenting Publication Gold Award, and is a Junior Library Guild Selection. Warner Brothers has optioned the book for a major motion picture.

Mary's newest picture book, illustrated by John Manders, is *The Famous Nini: A Mostly True Story of How a Plain White Cat Became a Star*. Set in 1890's Venice, it tells the story of the meteoric rise of a plain white cat to the world stage. His scrapbook includes a line of music from Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata* and is signed by such luminaries as the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Ethiopia, Pope Leo XIII and the Queen and King of Italy.

Mary travels extensively and possesses a passion for animals, adventure, fashion, laughter, kindness and spunky characters -- all of which weave their way into her books. She lives in Eureka, California with her husband Han, and their super brilliant cat, Dashiell, AKA the Baby Muse.