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A Writer for Children

Educational • Interactive • Design • Fiction

Educational Books

Henry David Thoreau: American Naturalist, Writer, And Transcendentalist. New York: Rosen Publishing, 2006.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 : legislation to protect America. New York: Rosen Publishing, 2006.

Library of Graphic Novelists: Neil Gaiman. New York: Rosen Publishing, 2005.

Library of Weapons of Mass Destruction: The International Atomic Energy Agency. New York: Rosen Publishing, 2005.

Great Debates and Speeches: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. New York: Rosen Publishing, 2004.

The Oregon Trail: Primary Sources in American History. New York: Rosen Publishing, 2004.

The Trial of John T. Scopes: A Primary Source Account (Great Trials of the 20th Century). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2003.

The Attack on U.S. Marines in Lebanon on October 23, 1983 (Terrorist Attacks). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2003.

Sir Walter Raleigh: Explorer for the Court of Queen Elizabeth (Library of Explorers and Exploration). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2003.

Interactive Writing

Leapfrog. Wrote five thousand elements of content for a toy for vocabulary building. Grades K-6.

Kids Tetris (PC) – Blue Planet Software, Inc. Developed database for writing, reviewing, and tracking production of scripts and visual assets. Created Visual Basic macros. Wrote 750 lines of entertaining dialog on how to play the game.

Interactive Design

ImaginEngine. Wrote 3 30-page pitches in a month for children's titles for world-renowned brands. Pitches included high-level design, storyline, sample activity designs and risk factors. All three projects were accepted by publisher and funded for production.

Leapfrog. Wrote five voice-over stories for a talking toy with content from the Internet. Grades K-6.

ImaginEngine. Wrote 130 pages of design documents for children's CD-ROM, *My Style Parade*.

Other

Brochures. Eight-page gatefold brochure to instruct high school yearbook staffs on the basics of using *Adobe InDesign CS*, a page layout package from Adobe Systems, Inc.

Game Documentation. Over 50 user manuals for a wide variety of gaming titles, mostly targeted at a 13 year-old reading level.

Education

UC Berkeley, 1990. BA English and Economics. 3.4 GPA. University honors.

- Other Courses: Newswriting, Acting, Directing, Scriptwriting, Playwriting, Stand-Up Comedy, Ad Copywriting
- Software: Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat (PDF), Framemaker, RoboHELP, Macromedia Dreamweaver

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