

## Press Release

Published by Bodkin Pointe Press, *On Grandpop's Lap* is a 32-page children's picture book for ages 4-8. It's a story about a young boy, named Zachary, who visits his grandparents only to get under his Grandmom's feet. Grandpop tries to occupy Zachary with games, videos and toys until Zachary finally tells his Grandpop he really just wants to sit on his lap and hear his stories.

"Of all the things I have done in my life, this book is the most special because it was done for my dad," Cathy said. "I only wish he were alive to see what his favorite saying ("You need to occupy your mind.") helped to create."

Cathy grew up near Annapolis, Maryland and, at age 19, left the area in pursuit of a career abroad. She spent two years in England and six years in Munich, Germany. Her overseas experiences stimulated a lifelong interest in travel. While in Munich, Cathy pursued her college degree ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Information and Systems Management from the University of Maryland.

She is a member of the Publishers Marketing Association (PMA), Maryland Book Publishers Association (MBPA), Maryland Writers' Association (MWA), the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), and the Women's National Book Association (WNBA). She volunteers with several organizations that work with children, her most rewarding time being spent with the Maryland Therapeutic Riding Center. She currently resides near Annapolis on a quiet peninsula on the Chesapeake Bay with her 15-year-old dog, Kari, where she enjoys writing and creating stories for children.

Ginger Doyel, the book's illustrator, graduated in 2001 as valedictorian of the University of Richmond Jepson School of Leadership Studies. She returned in 2002 to her hometown, Annapolis, where she is an artist and writer. Her weekly column for *The Capital*, "Annapolis: From Past to Present," received a 2003 Historic Annapolis Foundation Preservation Award and Cornell Maritime Press is publishing a book based on its articles. She contributes to *Shipmate* and *The College*, and has been commissioned by Annapolis Mayor Ellen O. Moyer and the Annapolitan Club to write books celebrating elements of local history.

Ginger has also illustrated *Annapolis: The Guidebook* and *Gertrude the Albino Frog and Her Friend Rupert the Turtle* among other books. She is Secretary of the Ward One Residents Association, and a member of Historic Annapolis Foundation, and the Maryland Writers' Association.

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