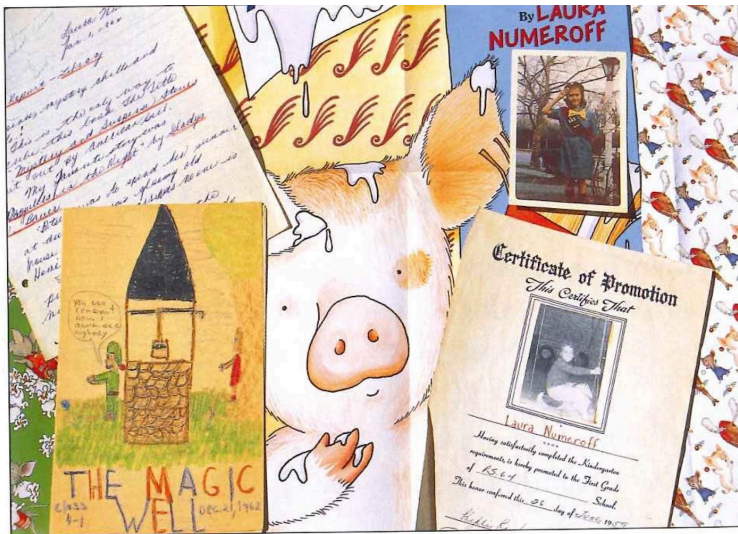


If You Give an Author a Pencil record of events



grew up loving to read and draw



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Books



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VIOLET, POPPY AND BABS
by
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Violet, Poppy and Babs were sisters.

Violet was a cook at Hank's House of Pies, Poppy a math teacher and Babs worked in a book store.

They lived in Florida in a little yellow house with a very large porch and a roof that leaked when it rained.

Violet was the eldest. She couldn't see very well, but she loved to bake. She had lots and lots of recipes written on index cards and tiny scraps of paper that she stuffed into a wicker picnic basket that her Aunt Agnes gave her.

Violet had recipes for all kinds of goodies... ^{besides} cookies with raisins and nuts, ^{besides} ~~raisins~~ ^{lemon bars with walnut pieces} and her favorite, angel food cake with dark chocolate frosting and sprinkles.

"Boy, do I love to bake" she would say, mixing and stirring in the sunny kitchen.

The only problem was she couldn't read the dial on the oven, so the house was always filled with smoke.

Poppy and Babs ate Violet's cookies and cake anyway.

"Yummy" Poppy would say, wrapping the burnt parts in her napkin when Violet wasn't looking.

"Scrumptious" said Babs, pecking gently past the burnt edges.

It made Violet happy to ^{hear} her sisters enjoy her baking.

Poppy was the middle sister. She loved to knit.

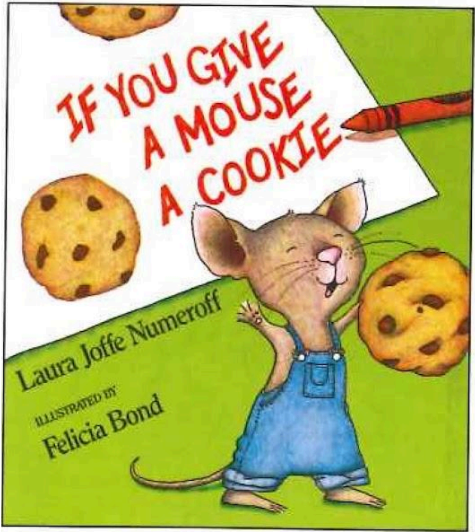
She knit vests with eleven pockets, twenty two foot scarves and striped turtle neck sweaters.

"Boy, do I love to knit" she would say, sitting on the sofa, surrounded by shopping bags full of yarn in all different colors.

She gave everything she made to Violet and Babs, except at Christmas when she knit gifts for the neighbors.

It made Poppy happy to ^{know} her sisters enjoy her knitting.

wrote and illustrated eight books while working at other jobs



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