

HACKMATAACK 2006

Elizabeth MacLeod

author of
Marie Curie: A Brilliant Life

I have not always wanted to be a writer. I went through school not knowing what I would do when I was older. When I went to university, I studied sciences; I didn't take any writing courses. After I graduated, I worked in a lab, an office, a flower shop - still nothing to do with writing. By this time, I wanted to be a writer but was scared to admit it. However, I had some articles published in newspapers, studied writing and editing, and soon had a job as an editor at *OWL* magazine. An editor is the person who works with authors to decide what part of a story goes first, where the commas go, etc. Ever noticed how easy it is to find mistakes in other people's writing but how easy it is to miss them in your own? That is why I don't edit myself.

Now I'm a writer and editor for Kids Can Press. I love writing because it lets me investigate so many topics: the telephone, puffins, dinosaurs, baking, and more. I never know what my next book will be, but I hope you'll enjoy it!



Selected Awards

Marie Curie, Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Young Adult Top Forty Nonfiction; ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year finalist; NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book for students K-12
The Wright Brothers, nominated Red Cedar Award,
To the Top of Everest, nominated Hackmataack Award, Red Cedar Award, Silver Birch Award
Lucy Maud Montgomery, nominated Hackmataack Award, Silver Birch Award
Alexander Graham Bell, nominated Hackmataack Award, Silver Birch Award, Red Cedar Award; Notable Studies Trade Book for Young People and Outstanding by US Parent Council
Stamp Collecting: for Canadian Kids, nominated for the Hackmataack Award, Red Cedar Award

Some Other Books by Elizabeth MacLeod

Lucy Maud Montgomery: A Writer's Life, Kids Can Press 2001
To the Top of Everest, Kids Can Press 2001
The Wright Brothers: A Flying Start, Kids Can Press 2002
Albert Einstein: A Life of Genius, Kids Can Press 2003
Bake and Make Amazing Cookies, Kids Can Press 2004
The Kids Book of Great Canadians, Kids Can Press 2004
Helen Keller: A Perceptive Life, Kids Can Press 2004
Harry Houdini: A Magical Life, Kids Can Press 2005
Chockful of Chocolate, Kids Can Press 2005