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Rick Jacobson & Laura Fernandez

**author and illustrator of
*Picasso: Soul on Fire***

Rick Jacobson and Laura Fernandez are an award-winning design team and illustrators in their own right. They operate a studio and often work as a team on joint projects, including their 16 published books. They live in Toronto, Ontario, with their three children.

Laura Fernandez was born in Madrid, Spain, and relocated with her family to Switzerland and then to eventually to Calgary, Canada. After graduating from the Alberta College of Art she moved to Toronto to begin a successful career in illustration. When she was asked to work on her first children's picture book having, already illustrated several covers for various publishers, it was the beginning of one of the most rewarding phases of her life. She maintains an active career as a portrait artist, with her husband, and has now also embarked on a musical path as a songwriter and singer.

Rick Jacobson was born in Nipawin, Saskatchewan. As a young man he was always writing stories and sketching so it was natural at the age of 18 to pursue art as a serious career. After attending the Alberta College of Art where he met his future wife, he moved to Toronto to work in illustration and advertising. They have worked for many corporations including Microsoft, Coca Cola and Air Canada and won awards for their illustration work. Rick has now started to fulfill his passion as an author and is writing his fourth book.



Selected Awards

Jeremiah Learns To Read, Ruth Schwartz Award

Magnificent Piano Recital, Amelia Frances Howard Gibbons Award

Some other books by Rick Jacobson & Laura Fernandez

(illustrated)

The Mona Lisa Caper by Rick Jacobson, Tundra Books

I Heard My Mother Call My Name by Nancy Hundal, Harper & Collins

Tchaikovsky Discovers America by Esther Kalman, Lester Pub.

Glass Town by Michael Bedard, Stoddard

Prairie Willow by Maxine Trottier, Stoddard

Little Dog Moon by Maxine Trottier, Stoddard

King Of The Skies by Ruksana Khan, Scholastic

Jeremiah Learns To Read by Jo Ellan Bogard, Scholastic

Magnificent Piano Recital by Marilyn Reynolds, Orca Books

Anne Of Green Gables by LM Montgomery, Tundra Books

Vivaldi, Ring of Mystery by Douglas Cowling, Scholastic