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#### AFFILIATIONS

State of Missouri  
Poet Laureate (7/23-6/25)

#### EDUCATION

1959 B.A., Drury University  
1960 M.S., Emory University  
1961-3 Evansville University, additional courses  
1982 Drury University, additional courses  
Honorary doctorate degrees:  
2005 Litt.D., Missouri State University  
2008 Litt.D., Drury University

Drury University  
Poet Laureate  
Adjunct faculty

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Pharmacologist (Mead Johnson, 1960-1963); Editor/Editorial Manager (Hallmark Cards, 1963-73);  
Owner/President (Glenstone Block Company, 1973-2008); Writer (1959-Present)

#### SELECTED PROFESSIONAL BOOKS

- *Teaching the Fluency Development Lesson, Grades 1-5* (with Lynne Kulich and Tim Rasinski)  
*In process*
- *Promote Reading Gains with Differentiated Instruction: Read-to-Use Lessons for Grades 3-5*; with Laura Robb and Tim Rasinski; 2024, Shell Education
- *Partner Poems & Word Ladders for Building Foundational Literacy Skills: Grades K-2*; with Tim Rasinski and Mary Jo Fresch; 2020, Scholastic
- *Partner Poems & Word Ladders for Building Foundational Literacy Skills: Grades 1-3*; with Tim Rasinski and Mary Jo Fresch; 2020, Scholastic
- *Guided Practice for Reading Growth, Grades 4-8*; with Laura Robb; 2020, Corwin Publishing.
- *Empowering Students' Knowledge of Vocabulary: Learning How Language Works, Grades 3-5*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2020, NCTE (National Council for Teachers of English)
- *Keys to Research for Writing Success*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2017, Scholastic.
- *Rhymes for the Times: Literacy Strategies through Social Studies*; with Tim Rasinski, Shell Education.
- *Learning through Poetry: Consonants*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2013, Shell Education
- *Learning through Poetry: Consonants, Blends, and Digraphs*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2013, Shell Education
- *Learning through Poetry: Rimes*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2013, Shell Education
- *Learning through Poetry: Short Vowels*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2013, Shell Education
- *Learning through Poetry: Long Vowels*; with Mary Jo Fresch; 2013, Shell Education
- *Let's Write This Week with David Harrison*; with Lauren Edmondson; 2013, Phoenix Learning Resources.

- *Partner Poems for Building Fluency: 40 Engaging Poems for Two Voices with Motivating Activities That Help Students Improve Their Fluency and Comprehension*; with Timothy V. Rasinski and Gay Fawcett. 2009, Scholastic.
- *Using the Power of Poetry to Teach Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and More; Engaging Poetry Lessons, Model Poems, and Writing Activities That Help Students Learn Important Content*; with Kathy Holderith. 2003, Scholastic.

MORE THAN 100 STORIES, FEATURES, ARTICLES, and INTERVIEWS IN MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS, AND INTERNET, INCLUDING: Children's Literature in the Reading Program (3 rd, Edition, edited by Deborah Wooten and Bernice Cullinan; International Reading Association; No More Boring Poems; Instructor Magazine; What I've Learned So Far; Journal of Reading; The Letterman Factor, A Matter of Meter; The California Reader; The Game of Poetry; Florida Reading Journal; The Relationship Between Authors and Young Readers; Dragon Lode; Promoting Literacy: It's Everybody's Job; Alpha Chi Recorder; The Colorado Communicator; Louisiana Reading Journal; Missouri Reading Journal; Tennessee Reading Journal; Teaching Pre-K-8, May, featured on the cover; The California Reader; Arizona Reading Journal; South Carolina Reading Journal; Florida Reading Journal; Montana State Reading Journal; Michigan Reader; Kentucky Reading Journal; Ohio Journal of English Language Arts; Pennsylvania Reading Journal.

#### POETRY TRADE BOOKS

1993 Somebody Catch My Homework; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 1994 The Boy Who Counted Stars; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 1996 A Thousand Cousins; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 1998 The Purchase of Small Secrets; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 1999 Wild Country; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2000 Farmer's Garden; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2003 The Alligator in the Closet; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2003 The Mouse Was Out at Recess; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2004 Connecting Dots, Poems of My Journey; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2005 Farmer's Dog Goes to the Forest; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2006 Sounds of Rain, Poems of the Rain Forest; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2007 bugs, poems about creeping things; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2008 Pirates; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2009 Vacation, We're Going to the Ocean!  
 2011 Cowboys; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2011 Goose Lake, A Year in the Life of a Lake; (e-book)  
 2016 Now You See Them, Now You Don't; Charlesbridge  
 2018 A Place to Start a Family; Charlesbridge  
 2018 Crawly School for Bugs; Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press  
 2020 After Dark: Poems About Nocturnal Animals; Wordsong, Boyds Mills & Kane  
 2021 The Dirt Book; Holiday House  
 2024 Wild Brunch; Charlesbridge  
 2024 The Tree; Holiday House

- TRADE BOOKS ALSO INCLUDE 43 FICTION AND 23 NONFICTION TITLES
- HARRISON'S WORK HAS APPEARED IN MORE THAN 200 ANTHOLOGIES
- HE HAS GIVEN KEYNOTES, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS IN 19 STATES

#### SELECTED BOOK AWARDS

Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best List; NSTA's List of Outstanding Science Trade Books; Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice, Awards Program Master List; Bank Street Best Books of the Year List; ILA Teachers' Choices List; IRA/CBC Children's Choice; Kansas State Reading Circle list; Missouri State Reading Council Seal of Approval; New York Public Library's annual list of "100 Children's Books for Reading and Sharing"; NCTE Notable Poetry Books; Featured (cover on overhead screen, poems read on stage) in the Dayton, Ohio Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Dayton Ballet II concert: BUGS!!; Junior Library Guild Selection; Placed in a 100-year time capsule as part of the Centennial Celebration of Springfield, MO park system; Society of School Librarians International Honor Book Michigan Reading Association Readers' Choice List, K-1; Arizona Young Readers' Award Nominee Selected by Missouri Center for the Book to represent Missouri at the National Book Fair in Washington D.C.; Nominated for Texas Bluebonnet Award; Nominated for Cybils Award; Nominated for Spur Award; South Dakota Children's Book Awards Reading List; Selected for Zaner-Bloser's Voices Reading Program; The Hawaii State Public Library annual annotated bibliography of science trade books; American Scientist, STEM Books for Young Readers list; Nominated for the Society for American Archaeology's 2010 Book of the Year for "a book that is written for the general public and presents the results of archaeological research to a broader audience"; Recommended by National Science Teachers Association; Missouri State Teachers Association, New Books for Missouri Students; Chosen by Society of Midland Authors as Best Children's Nonfiction Book Published in 2016; VOYA's Nonfiction Honor List Texas Bluebonnet Master Reading List; Indiana Young Hoosier Book Award Master Reading List; Kentucky Blue Grass Award Nominee; St. Louis Post Dispatch Best Books for Young Readers; Christopher Medal; Named as one of eleven "Can't Miss" poetry books on "2021 Poetry: Versification for the Masses," for School Library Journal; Named by New York City Public Libraries as one of the six best books of children's poetry; Master List of Finalists for Kansas Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award.; Master List of Virginia Young Readers Program, Virginia State Reading Association; Best Books for Young Adults Nominee.

#### SELECTED PERSONAL HONORS

Named Missouri Poet Laureate by governor Mike Parson; Pioneer in Education award "for distinguished and devoted service to public education" presented by Missouri DESE and Missouri State Board of Education; First recipient of Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for Children's Literature; Recipient of Celebration Literacy Award from Missouri Literacy Association; Honored with a star in Famous Missourian's Walk of Fame sidewalk in historic downtown Marshfield, Missouri; Inducted into Springfield Public Schools Hall of Fame; Outstanding Contributions to Children's Literature, Central State University; Distinguished Alumni Award, Drury College; Poet Laureate, Drury University; Friend of Education Award, Missouri State Teachers Association; Inducted into Writers Hall of Fame International Reading Association Community Service Award for "Sky High on Reading" literacy project; Missouri Governor's Humanities Award; David Harrison Conference Room named in Springfield; Missouri's Library Center; Inducted into Drury University's Ernest R. Breech Hall of Fame; Named Friend of School Libraries by Missouri Association of School Libraries ; The poem "My Book" sandblasted into the sidewalk of the Children's Garden at the Burton Barr Public Library in Phoenix, Arizona; Honorary Doctorate in Letters from Missouri State University; Missourian Award; Missouri Library Association's; Literacy Award for Body of Work; Honorary Doctorate in Letters from Drury University; David Harrison Elementary School named in Harrison's honor; The poem "My Book" painted on the public library system's new bookmobile in Pueblo, Colorado; David Harrison Day (April 2) proclaimed by Springfield, Missouri city council.

#### SELECTED POETRY RELATED ACTIVITIES

Weekly poetry column with guest poets from across the U.S.A. and beyond; daily poetry blog since 2009; numerous poetry workshops in Missouri, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere; join local poets for readings; give library poetry readings and programs about how to write poetry.