

Award winning children's author Rebecca Upjohn was born and grew up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Her love of books began after the demise of her family TV when she was three. At that point she began to create her own stories and has been doing so ever since.

In high school she wrote poetry, and songs for her band, The RADS. She graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Photographic Arts.

Rebecca has worked as an architectural photographer, photo production coordinator, a photo gallery assistant, bookstore clerk, sheep-farm hand, producer and writer of an independent short film for children. She also volunteered for many years in schools.

She has two sons and now lives in Southwestern New Hampshire, USA with her husband. She is the author of four published books.

Awards and Raves:

The Secret of the Village Fool

2014 Silver Birch Express Award, *winner*

2014 Golden Oak Award, shortlisted

"Upjohn makes this true story personal, immediate and accessible without resorting to bathos or sentimentality....Powerful and deeply moving."

Kirkus Reviews.

The Last Loon

2010 Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE Jean Throop Book Award, *winner*

2012 Silver Birch Express Award, Honour Book

"This excellent book combines great characters with a well-written, suspenseful plot that will keep readers turning pages as fast as they can read them."

Canadian Literature

Lily and The Paper Man

2007 ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year, Children's Picture Book, *winner*

2008 Blue Spruce Award, shortlisted

2009 Shining Willow Award, shortlisted

"This sensitive, gentle tale with its bright, visceral illustrations is about homelessness and one child's reaction to the reality of it."

The Globe and Mail

