



Random House Children's Books presents . . .

Jennifer L. Holm



Photo Credit: Photo © 2006 Jodi Otte

“I grew up imagining that authors lead glamorous lives full of excitement and adventure. You know . . . traveling to exotic places, and meeting all sorts of famous people! Now that I am a writer, I know the real scoop.”

—Jennifer L. Holm

Jennifer L. Holm is the author of several historical fiction novels for middle-grade readers, including *Penny From Heaven*, a 2007 Newbery Honor Book. With her brother Matthew, Jennifer created Babymouse, a young graphic novel series. *Babymouse: Queen of the World!* was an ALA Notable Children's Book and a Gryphon Award winner.



www.randomhouse.com/teachers



www.randomhouse.com/teachers/themes



www.rhcbclassroomcast.com



www.randomhouse.com/librarians

A Note from the Author

“**W**hen I was a kid, I liked to read. A lot. One of our neighbors said recently that his clearest memory of me as a child was watching me rake the lawn one-handed while I read a book with the other! In fact, the highlight of a particular summer vacation was not, for me, going on the water slide at an amusement park, but rather stopping at a bookstore with a great kid’s section and discovering—gasp!—that my favorite author had written four more books.

I was born in California across from a zoo and then we lived on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound, and then moved again to Audubon, Pennsylvania, where I spent most of my childhood. My dad was a pediatrician, and my mom a pediatric nurse. We had a dog named Ruffy who had a bad habit of chasing skunks and a hamster named Sneaker who liked to curl up in my hair and fall asleep (he was a very mellow hamster). My childhood has always been my main source of inspiration for my writing. Another big influence during these years were comic books and cartoon strips.

My brothers and I would fight over the big color funny section of the Sunday newspaper. I still love comic books and graphic novels and I think reading them has helped make me a better writer.

I really started writing as a student at Dickinson College. After I graduated, I moved to New York City where I became a broadcast producer of television commercials and music videos. I enjoyed working in television, but I had always wanted to be a writer. . . .

I’m trying to stay out of trouble these days. I still prefer reading to amusement parks, and on occasion, I rake the lawn while reading a book. Although I confess I don’t seem to get many leaves up that way. I now split my time between writing and taking care of my son, Will. Will, my husband, Jonathan Hamel, and I live in northeastern United States with one slightly stinky cat named Princess Leia Organa.”

For more information on Jennifer L. Holm, visit her Web site at: www.jenniferholm.com

Praise for:

PENNY FROM HEAVEN

“Eminently worthwhile.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Holm impressively wraps paths with comedy in this coming-of-age story, populated by a cast of vivid characters.”

—*Booklist*

BABYMOUSE: OUR HERO

“A real charmer.”

—*School Library Journal*

“A new hero emerges . . . this humorous and adventurous series will be snapped up.”—*The Bulletin*

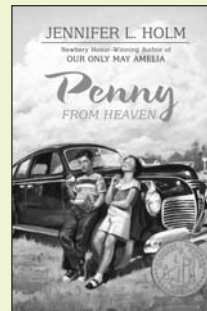
BABYMOUSE: QUEEN OF THE WORLD!

“Young readers will happily fall in line to follow Babymouse.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

BABYMOUSE: QUEEN OF THE WORLD!

★“Valuable and never-too-early messages of self-respect and self-worth”—*The Horn Book*, starred

Book List



PENNY FROM HEAVEN

Ages 8–12 • Random House
978-0-375-83687-9 (0-375-83687-X)
GLB: 978-0-375-93687-6 (0-375-93687-4)
• A Newbery Honor Book
• An ALA Notable Children’s Book

BABYMOUSE

Illustrated by Matthew Holm
Ages 7–10 • Random House

BABYMOUSE: CAMP BABYMOUSE

978-0-375-83988-7 (0-375-83988-1)
GLB: 978-0-375-93988-4 (0-375-93988-1)

BABYMOUSE: HEARTBREAKER

978-0-375-83798-2 (0-375-83798-1)
GLB: 978-0-375-93798-9 (0-375-93798-6)

BABYMOUSE: ROCK STAR

978-0-375-83232-1 (0-375-83232-7)
GLB: 978-0-375-93232-8 (0-375-93232-1)

BABYMOUSE: BEACH BABE

978-0-375-83231-4 (0-375-83231-9)
GLB: 978-0-375-93231-1 (0-375-93231-3)

BABYMOUSE: OUR HERO

978-0-375-83230-7 (0-375-83230-0)
GLB: 978-0-375-93230-4 (0-375-93230-5)

BABYMOUSE: QUEEN OF THE WORLD!

978-0-375-83229-1 (0-375-83229-7)
GLB: 978-0-375-93229-8 (0-375-93229-1)
• An ALA Notable Children’s Book
• A Gryphon Award Winner

