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### About:

#### Short Bio

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#### Long Bio

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Marianne has been a strong advocate for children's literacy and diversity since her days as a special education teacher in the Boston suburbs, her years as a mom raising three children and as a Mimi to her grandchildren. She has also helped countless families find the perfect place to call home as a Realtor. She volunteers with local coastal advocacy environmental groups and helps young readers in her local public school system, who struggle to make connections with words.

Marianne earned her B.S.Ed. in both Elementary and Special Education from Fitchburg State University and her Certificate in Writing For Children at The University of California San Diego.

She now lives, writes, and plays in sunny Coronado, CA with her partner, Keith.

When Marianne is not writing books for children, you can find her reading stories virtually to her granddaughter or traveling to discover new faraway places.

She is represented by Stephen Fraser at The Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency (JDLA).

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