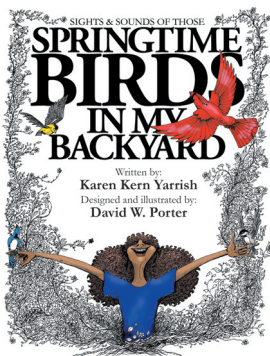


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Swingin' Bridge Books Announces the Forthcoming Publication of *Springtime Birds in My Backyard* Written by Karen Kern Yarrish and Illustrated by David W. Porter



La Plume, PA—Swingin' Bridge Books is proud to announce the forthcoming publication of *Springtime Birds in My Backyard*. *Springtime Birds in My Backyard* combines the beautiful illustrations of David Porter with the rhythm and rhyme of Karen Yarrish's lush verse. Reading this book aloud lulls both parent and child into the springtime comfort of their own backyard—a familiar space where they both can learn about the sights and sounds of the most common birds in North America.

"If this story doesn't put a big smile on your face, nothing will. *Springtime Birds in My Backyard* is an imaginative, educational, and delightful way to both introduce children to the natural world that is just outside of their backdoor and to keep them engaged in this wonderful story! Karen Yarrish's first-hand knowledge and experience in connecting kids and nature comes through brilliantly in this book. It is a journey filled with just enough natural history to make it resonate with adults and more than enough fun to make it a hit with the kids."

—Paul Pickett, Chief Development Officer, Wild Birds Unlimited, Inc.

About the Author

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