Meet the Author

Sue Glass



Sue Glass holds a BA in Elementary Education/French from Carthage College, a license in Administration from Concordia, and a MA in Curriculum & Instruction/Reading from Marquette University. She is a recent winner of the Herb Kohl Fellowship Award for Wisconsin teachers. She has spent the past twenty years teaching young children either as a reading specialist or a classroom teacher. Writing for children is a natural expansion of what she does in her day-to-day profession.

Striving to instill her love of writing, language, and technology to her students, Sue loves to teach and considers it a good day if, for example, her students were searching the Internet with a partner in order to design a plan to save endangered manatees. Sue has a great passion for children, animals, technology and water. Combine all four and that's success. Although she enjoys writing her own stories, getting children excited about writing is a bigger thrill.

Inspiration comes from many places, including those that you would never wish to explore. So it came to be, through personal experience, that Sue was inspired to write *Remember Me? Alzheimer's Through the Eyes of a Child / ¿Te acuerdas de mí? La enfermedad de Alzheimer a través de los ojos de un niño*. Dealing with her father's own Alzheimer's inspired Sue to help others cope with this difficult experience. Sue says her students also inspire her every day and she draws from their experiences, plus her own, the subjects she most wants to tackle in her story writing. Self-reliance, self-esteem and the confidence to pursue a goal is something she tries to teach her students.

Sue enjoys spending time with her two grown daughters and is currently at work on several other children's manuscripts.

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Questions for the Author

Sue Glass



1. Who or what inspires you to write?
The lives and experiences of those around her, especially those of her students, inspire Sue to write.

2. What is your favorite writing environment? Describe your workspace.
Sue has a home office where she finds it best to keep the door closed if she wants to really get into a writing piece.

3. Are there any special supplies you use for writing?
Sue needs a computer in order to write. It's just that she can type much faster than she can write longhand.

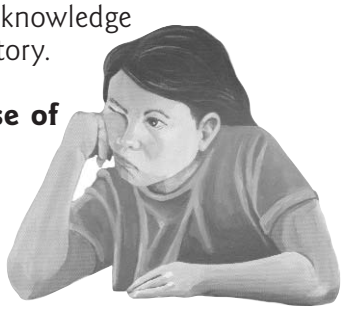
4. Describe your creative process? What is a 'must have' when you are in the creative process?
A general idea that is burning a hole in her brain is all Sue needs to be able to write.

5. Who are your favorite authors? What influence have they had on your work?
Sue doesn't have favorite authors in particular, but she reads loads of children's books and finds that her favorites are the ones that make her think about the problems the characters in the story have faced long after she has stopped reading the book.

6. What specific message do you want people to get from this book and why? What experiences have you had that directly reinforce your book's message?
Sue believes that we all have common problems and that we need each other's help to solve them.

7. How long have you been at work on this book? Why did you write it? Where did your ideas come from?
The entire time her dad was suffering with Alzheimer's, Sue was working on the story, if not necessarily getting it down on paper, her heart and soul were living the story from the inside out.

8. Did the book involve special research? Please include.
Living through the disease with her dad and her family, Sue gained first-hand knowledge of Alzheimer's. The feelings and emotions of that time came through in the story.



9. Detail any fun things that have happened/or are happening because of the publication of this book.
Sue's young students, as well as her graduate students, have become more interested in the process of writing. They also have discovered that if she could have a book published, maybe they could too.

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About the Book

Remember Me?/ ¿Te acuerdas de mí?



In this tender, touching story of a child trying to understand her grandfather's Alzheimer's disease, we see how families are affected by this situation. A little girl notices something is wrong in her family. It seems that her grandfather can't, or doesn't want to, remember her. It must be something she did or didn't do. But what? She mistakenly blames herself and thinks about the many times she might have disappointed or upset her grandpa. Eventually the little girl shares her fears and learns of her grandfather's Alzheimer's disease. This knowledge leads to a new way to be part of her grandfather's life.

Big, bold acrylic illustrations offset the somber tone of the subject matter. Contrasting the happiness of the colors with the seriousness of the topic is a technique that underscores the emotional disparity that the child is feeling. The facial expressions in the pictures are full of thoughtful concern, frustration and happiness. The range of sentiment is cleverly presented with Yunkers's acrylic illustrations.

Children will immediately identify with the young girl's feelings of guilt in a situation she doesn't understand. The love, trust, and final honesty between mother and child ring true. This bilingual story will be a useful tool to parents, teachers, counselors, or anyone dealing with Alzheimer's or other illnesses within the family. *Remember Me? / ¿Te acuerdas de mí?* helps children dealing with a difficult situation and confirms the wisdom of seeking the help of an adult.

This story is presented as a full text translation. In a full text translation the story text is included fully in both English and in Spanish. In general, both texts are supplied on the page with an icon separating the two. Different ink colors for each text further distinguish the English from the Spanish. The book ends with a keyword vocabulary page for learning both languages.



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Rave Reviews

Remember Me?/ ¿Te acuerdas de mí?



"...The author creates a very plausible story...which might help children who have similar family situations ...The illustrations are bright and colorful...The book does have the benefit of being written in both English and Spanish, and a glossary comparing the languages is included on the last page." **—Children's Literature**

"In this tale of loss and recovery...the book does model the importance of asking an adult for help in tackling life's large problems. Yunker's brightly colored illustrations bring the little girl and her family to life. A useful choice for bookstores and libraries." **—Criticas**

"This story addresses a hard issue for parents to talk about. But Alzheimer's affects everyone in the family and little children often put the blame on themselves for pain and suffering seen within the family...This is a good bilingual story that will be useful to many families to help their children understand the effects of Alzheimer's disease." **—Heartland Reviews**

"...speaks for not keeping the children in the family "in the dark" because the "dark is where the terror is."...Sue Glass writes well about children's feelings and this book will be a useful tool for anyone dealing with this illness." **—Lane Education Service District**

"Your powerful book [Remember Me?] will be a great tool for families! Congratulations—I hope to get many copies for my Memory Centers..." **—Leeza Gibbons / TV personality**

"After visiting my dad during the holidays and dealing with my dad's Alzheimer's, I kept remembering the book and realizing that my sisters and I are now my dad's memory...these memories are even more sacred to us all." **—September McGee, author/illustrator Laguna Beach, CA**



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Description: A young girl's grandfather can't or doesn't want to remember her anymore. Her mother is upset. What did she do wrong? Understanding comes after the guilt and secrecy surrounding her grandfather's Alzheimer's disease is exposed.

Selling Points:
- Easily understood by children dealing with a disease in the family
- Lesson of the story applicable for any disease, not only Alzheimer's
- Brightly colored illustrations keep the story upbeat while dealing with a serious subject

Selling Sentence: A young girl has conflicted feelings about her grandfather's Alzheimer's disease.

Author Bio: Sue Glass finds writing about children and their feelings to be a natural extension of her daily life. She has spent the past twenty years teaching young children either as a reading specialist or a classroom teacher.

Illustrator Bio: Although not an illustrator by profession, when W. Yunker was given the opportunity to illustrate Sue's Glass's story, he was thrilled. He's proud that his first book illustrations were for Remember Me?

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- National reviews



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