



## *Tyler and the Spider*

Written by Melinda Lancaster and illustrated by Rosemarie Gillen

Tyler is a precious little boy who is snuggled in bed in his pajamas. He awakes to discover a spider dangling above his head. Filled with fear, Tyler slowly observes his intruder and soon his fears are overcome by curiosity.

Tyler ends up trying to determine if the little spider will do him harm.

The spider is equally concerned about being squished by the handsome lad, although he had thought boys were “ugly”.

As the two debate their fate, the day ends in a happy conclusion that even spiders and little boys can become friends.

Melinda Lancaster has patterned Tyler after her daughter, Katelin, who is disabled.

*Tyler and the Spider* came to me as a way to address acceptance, not just for my daughter, Katelin, who has Rett Syndrome, but for anyone who is different - whether it be a disability or ethnic background or any other characteristic that makes them stand out. I am grateful to Wiggles Press, which has given me the opportunity to share this wonderful story with children everywhere and to Rosemarie Gillen who did a wonderful job of bringing the characters to life.”

- Melinda Lancaster

## **About the Author**

**Melinda Lancaster** grew up in Connecticut, joined the US Navy after college, enjoyed the benefits of free travel and training and was proud to serve her country. She has been writing poetry and children's stories for many years.

In 2008, the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce requested a poem for the JFK Hyannis Museum. The poem "Echoes" was written and donated by Melinda, and now hangs in the JFK Hyannis Museum.

Melinda has a wonderful family of three children, two step-daughters and four grandchildren. In fact, Melinda uses her expert experience as a mom and grandmother to give readers a view of her world.

## **About the Illustrator**

**Rosemarie Gillen** is a professional picture book illustrator. She has won several awards and has been published traditionally and online.

In addition, Rosemarie is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and is a featured illustrator at Best Children's Books.

She specializes in enhancing children's books with her unique style of illustrations. Rosemarie is able to capture the essence of a story and enhance it with bright, colorful illustrations. She enjoys working with authors; taking inspiration from their work and making their stories come alive. She believes in a wonderful partnership between an author and an illustrator, who work together to create something special a child will read over and over.

## **Publisher**

**Wiggles Press** was founded in March 2009. Its objective is to provide multicultural literature for young readers created by first-time writers and illustrators. This year Wiggles has grown its authorship from one to twelve new writers with a promising Spring Catalog.

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