

The Mitten String

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Book Description

When her family invites a deaf woman and her baby to stay, Ruthie, a talented knitter of mittens, wonders how the mother will know if her child wakes in the night. The surprising answer inspires Ruthie to knit a special gift that offers great comfort to mother and baby—and to Ruthie herself.

With language and imagery reminiscent of stories told long ago, this modern folktale will resonate with those who love crafts, anyone who's encountered someone who is physically challenged—and with everyone who has ever lost a mitten in the depths of winter.

Jennifer Rosner is the author of an adult memoir, *If a Tree Falls*, her story of raising two deaf daughters in a talking family and a hearing world. *The Mitten String* was inspired by the story of a deaf ancestor whom she discovered in the course of researching her family tree.

Kristina Swarner is an award-winning illustrator of more than a dozen books, among them *Gathering Sparks* and *The Bedtime Sh'ma*, both of which won Sydney Taylor Book Awards. Kristina lives in Chicago. Visit her at: www.kristinaswarner.com.

Biography

Jennifer Rosner's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Good Housekeeping*, *The Jewish Daily Forward*, *The Massachusetts Review*, *The Faster Times*, *Wondertime Magazine*, and the *Hastings Center Report*. Jennifer holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Stanford University, and is editor of *The Messy Self* (Paradigm Publishers, 2007). She lives in Massachusetts with her family.