



David FitzSimmons

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Biography

David FitzSimmons is an award-winning free-lance photographer and writer. His 20+ children's books have sold over 200,000 copies and have received more than a dozen national book awards, including the IBPA's best first picture book (2012) and best picture book (2016). His books include *Curious Critters*, *Curious Critters Volume Two*, *Curious Critters Marine*, *Curious Critters Birds*, and *Curious Critters* books on various states (Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia). He also wrote *Animals of Ohio's Ponds and Vernal Pools*, *Salamander Dance*, and *Wakem the Rooster: Up All Night*. David's magazine credits include *Outdoor Photographer*, *Popular Photography*, *Professional Photographer*, and *Shutterbug*.

David taught for over twenty years, first as high school English teacher and then as a university professor, having instructed at Ashland University, Ohio State University, and Cornell University. He holds a Ph.D. in English from Ohio State, with a specialty in narrative theory—investigating the components of storytelling—something that influences his photography and writing.

David regularly visits elementary schools, teaching children about nature, writing, and photography. Part of the Children & Nature movement, one major focus of his work is helping connect children with nature through reading and photography.

One of six Sigma Pro photographers in North America, David presents seminars and workshops to a wide variety of audiences, from public school, college, and university classes to photography groups, nature clubs, and civic organizations. His works have been exhibited at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, the National Center for Nature Photography, the Palm Beach Photographic Centre, and the Telluride Photo Festival.

To see more of David's work and to know more about seminars and photo workshops, visit **www.davidfitzsimmons.com**.

To learn more about David's award-winning picture book, *Curious Critters*, visit **www.curious-critters.com**.

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