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Adventures with Ted & Betsy Lewin – September 27, 7:00 p.m. At Symmes Township Branch Library



Betsy & Ted Lewin in Uganda

Get ready for a big adventure as Caldecott award winners Ted and Betsy Lewin take you from their studios to far-flung reaches of the world, and back again—with stories to tell! Hear them talk of their adventures and how they write and illustrate their books, and ask them questions afterwards. The Lewins will be at the Symmes Township Branch Library, 11850 Enyart Road, for a community night on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of their books will be available for purchase, with a book signing to follow.

In search of material for their picture books, the Lewins travel to some of the most remote places in the world. Even though they travel together and share similar experiences, they often come up with very different stories. On a trip to the Galapagos Islands Ted was intrigued by a giant tortoise, which became the basis for his book, *Nilo and the Tortoise*. Betsy was fascinated by the amusing antics of the blue-footed booby, which she recreated in *Booby Hatch*.

In addition to writing and illustrating their own books, the Lewins also illustrate for other authors. Between them, Ted and Betsy have illustrated over 100 books for children and young adults. While in Uganda a trek to see mountain gorillas inspired their first collaboration *Gorilla Walk*. Their second collaboration, *Elephant Quest*, was set in the Okavango Delta of Botswana.

Betsy (Reilly) Lewin spent much of her childhood living in the world of fantasy, and has written and/or illustrated scores of children's books, including *New York Times* bestsellers such as *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* and *Duck for President*. One of her best-known books, *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type*, was a Caldecott Honor book in 2001.

For more than 20 years, Ted Lewin has illustrated children's books. His works include *Paperboy*, which is set in Cincinnati in 1927; *The Secret of the Indian* by Lynne Reid Banks; and

the cover for Scott O'Dell's *Blue Dolphin*. Ted has written books inspired by trips to such places as the Amazon River, the Sahara Desert, Botswana, Egypt, Lapland and India.

This free program is sponsored by the Blue Ash PTA, Greene PTO, Montgomery PTO, Symmes PTO, Biggs (Mason Location), Sycamore Schools Foundation, and the Friends of the Public Library.

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