

# Meet Author/Illustrator Ann Jonas

Ann Jonas especially enjoys making up word and picture puzzles for the award-winning books she writes and illustrates.



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In "Splash," the reader must keep count of a changing number of creatures moving in and out of a pond.

## Background

While Ann Jonas was studying design at an art school in New York, she met her husband, children's book author and illustrator Donald Crews.

After school, Ann Jonas worked in a graphic-design studio, and later started a free-lance design business with her husband.

When their two daughters were college age, she began writing children's books. In 1980, she wrote her first book, "When You Were a Baby."

## Her work

Ann Jonas said working on children's books is "a lot more fun than just doing book jackets, record covers and brochures. With children's books you have complete control over what you're doing."

She started working on her latest book, "Bird Talk," a year ago. About six months later she was ready to give the first version to her publisher. She wrote the story, then took about three months to paint the pictures. It will be published in spring 1999.

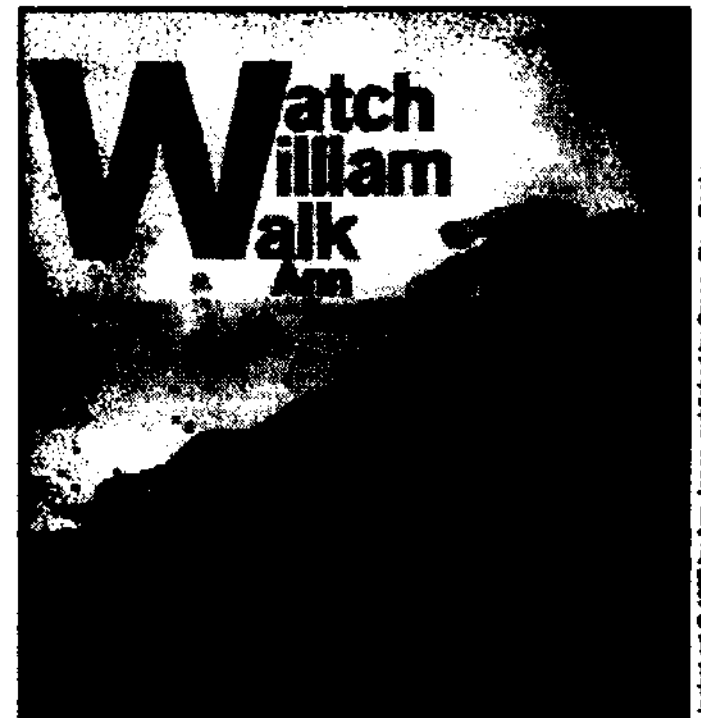
## Advice to kids

"Read and draw a lot."

Ann Jonas and her husband moved out of New York City a few years ago to enjoy life in the country area of New York state. She wears an eye patch because of an accident.



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In "Watch William Walk," every word begins with the same letter, as William, Wilma, Wally and Wanda walk.

## Some favorite things

**Food:** extremely rich chocolate cake

**Color:** "I don't have one. I enjoy working with color so much I don't really have a favorite."

**Hobbies:** "We recently moved to the country, and I am busier than ever — gardening, taking walks, processing food that grew in the garden."

**Favorite children's author:** Donald Crews

**Music:** jazz and classical

**Sport:** snow skiing with her daughter

**Time and place to read:** "Whenever I get a chance."

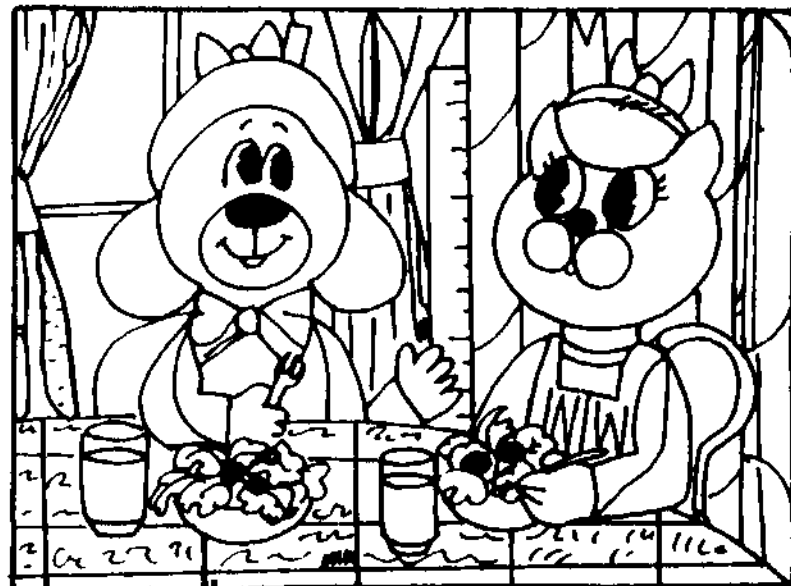
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## Mini Spy ...



Mini Spy and Basset Brown are eating a healthy lunch. See if you can find:



- football
- question mark
- toothbrush
- carrot
- bowl
- word MINI
- letter W
- canoe
- heart
- fork
- ruler
- knife
- two sets of lips
- number 8
- spoon

BASSET BROWN



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## HEALTH FIND

Words that remind us of health are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HEALTH, HABITS, STRONG, LIFE, BODY, CARE, EAT, SLEEP, HAIR, GROOMING, POSTURE, DIET, FOOD, TALK, EXERCISE, DENTAL, MENTAL, WASH, BATH, CLEAN.

I LIKE TO STAY FIT!



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