

# Curriculum Vitae

## Profile

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Thirty-two years of experience and success in the combined fields of Advertising Illustration, Book Illustration, Fine Art and Public Speaking. I love the creative process, learning, solving problems, and sharing my knowledge with others. My interests also include: family, friends, the outdoors, and discovering the way things work. I am committed to the pursuit excellence. Winslow Homer's career and work has influenced my artistic path more than any other artist.



## Education

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Rhode Island School of Design

September 1975 - May 1979

Bachelor of Fine Arts - Illustration

Art Professors / Instructors:

Akira Arita - Lester Abrahms - Trent Burleson -

Hardu Keck - Roger Pontbriand - David MacCaulay -

Mahler Ryder - Thomas Sgouros -

Judy Sue Goodwin Sturges - Chris VanAllsburg

## Recognition

1979 Second Place, Society of Illustrators

Annual Scholarship Competition, NY

1979 Student artwork chosen for the

month of January in Grit Magazine's

annual calendar, which was illustrated by

many top American illustrators.

## Self-Employment 1979-present

Fine Art

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1997-present Full time beginning in 2007

### Statement

My paintings are evidence of my search for designs, subject matter, and techniques, that when combined, form a captivating piece of fine art. Exploring deviations from the traditional approach to painting is important to me, so a separate series of paintings melding alla prima paintings with the square began in December of 2007. Each new canvas brings me to the exact place that every painter throughout history has been. It is blank, white, and two-dimensional. It contains the promise of a new learning experience, and an opportunity to complete a piece of art that viewers will be drawn to forever.



Fine Art continued



Group Exhibitions

- 2011-10 Cavalier Galleries, Nantucket, MA & Greenwich, CT
- 2011-10 Dean Day Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2011-08 Walsingham Gallery, Newburyport, MA
- 2011-07 Wynne/Falconer Gallery, Chatham, MA
- 2011-07 Renjeau Galleries, Natick, MA
- 2010-06, 04, 03 Duxbury Art Assoc.
- 2010-09 Nantucket Artworks
- 2009-07 Fountain Street Open Studios
- 2009-97 Zullo Gallery

Associations

- 2011-97 Duxbury Art Association
- 2008-07 Museum of Fine Arts
- 2008-07 Fountain Street Studios



Recognition

- 2011 Juror of Duxbury Art Association's Summer Juried Exhibition
- 2010 Second Place, Oil & Acrylic Duxbury Art Assoc., Winter Juried Show
- 2009 Second Place, Oil & Acrylic Duxbury Art Assoc., Winter Juried Show
- 2007 First Place, Oil & Acrylic Duxbury Art Assoc., Winter Juried Show
- 2006 Second Place, Oil & Acrylic Duxbury Art Assoc., Winter Juried Show
- 2004 Third Place, Oil & Acrylic Duxbury Art Assoc., Winter Juried Show
- 2003 Third Place, Oil & Acrylic Duxbury Art Assoc., Midsummer Juried Show

Freelance Children's Book Illustrator

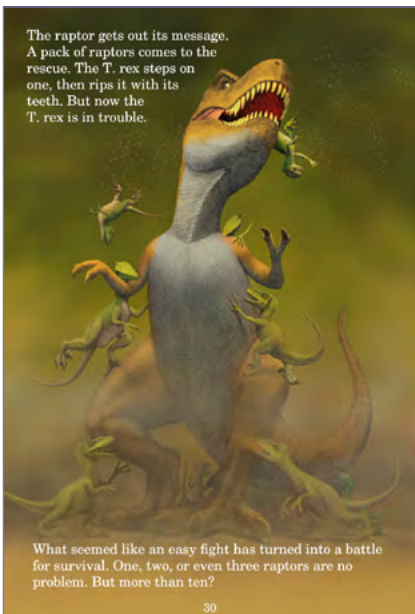
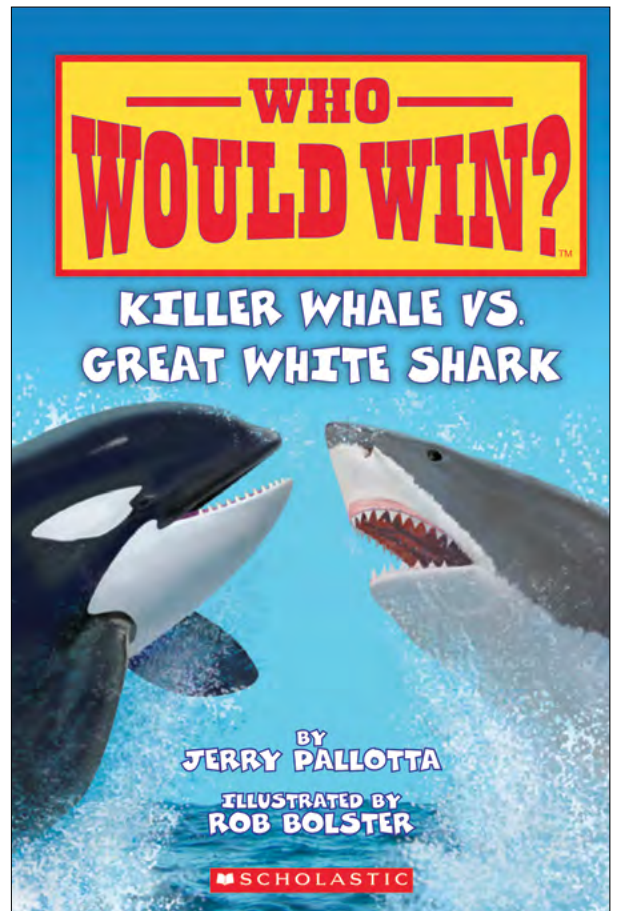
1990-present Books designed and illustrated: 32 illustrated pages plus cover (\*indicates illustrated only)

Who Would Win? / current book series project for Scholastic Publishing

- Killer Whale Vs. Great White Shark
- Lion Vs. Tiger
- Polar Bear Vs. Grizzly Bear
- Tyrannosaurus Rex Vs. Velociraptor
- Hammerhead Vs. Bull Shark
- Komodo Dragon Vs. King Cobra
- Tarantula Vs. Scorpion

Publishers

- Charlesbridge Publishing
- Houghton Mifflin
- Simon & Schuster
- Scholastic

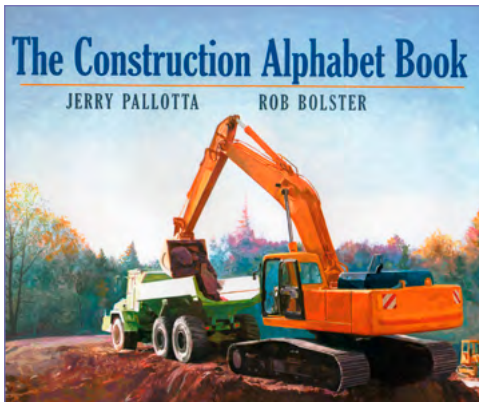


Freelance Children's Book Illustrator continued

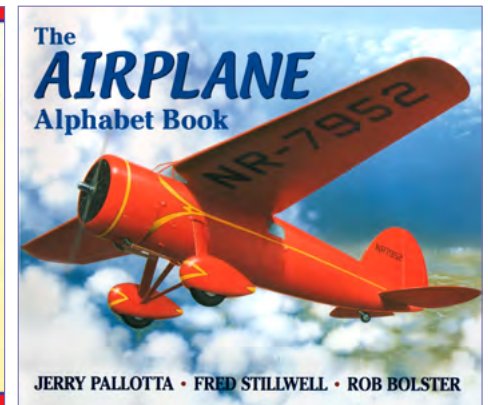
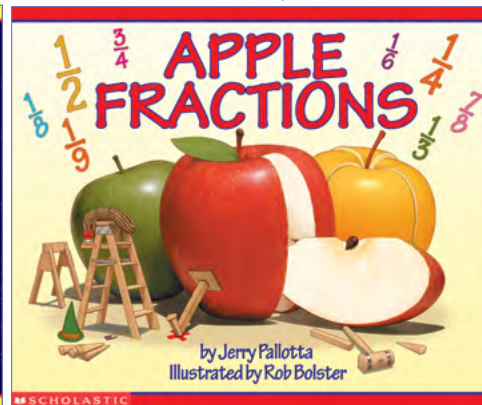
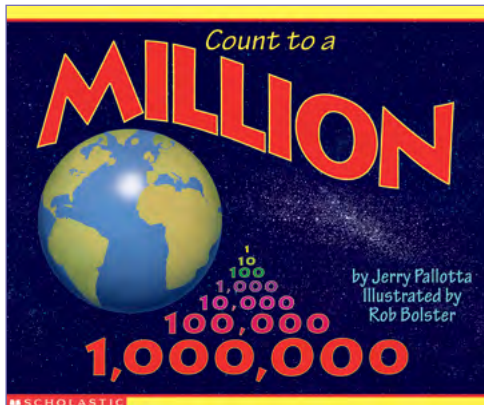
Going Lobstering\*  
Airplane Alphabet Book\*  
Jet Alphabet Book\*  
Construction Alphabet Book\*

Cheerios Counting Book\*  
Apple Fractions  
Count to a Million  
One Hundred Ways to get to 100  
How Big Is It?\*  
How Fast Is It?\*  
Hershey Math Series  
Hershey's Fractions Book  
Reese's Pieces Count By Fives  
Reese's Pieces Count By Tens  
Hershey's Kisses Addition  
Hershey's Kisses Subtraction  
Hershey's Multiplication  
Hershey's Multiplication & Division  
Twizzlers Percentages Book  
Twizzlers Shapes and Patterns  
From Addition to Multiplication

From Shapes to Geometry  
Hershey's Weights and Measures  
Math Equals Fun Series  
Addition  
Subtraction  
Pizza Fractions Book  
Count By Fives  
Count By Tens  
Multiplication  
Multiplication & Division  
Weights and Measures  
Adding Pizza Fractions  
Multiplication  
Multiplication & Division  
From Addition to Multiplication  
From Simple Shapes to Geometry



U.S. Navy Alphabet Book\*



Public speaking / teaching

2002-present "Your Life Is About Learning," a motivational enrichment program with art as the communication vehicle. It was designed with over 275 images along with a digital and traditional demonstration and has been very well received by students from elementary to high school as well as adult groups. Lessons on value, color, vision, observation, imagination, and personal development are among the topics covered.

My program has been presented to students in the following states:

- Connecticut
- Florida
- Iowa
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Tennessee
- West Virginia



2008 Literacy Compass conference guest speaker  
2003 Authors on the Beach conference guest speaker

**Freelance Advertising Illustrator**

1979-2000 Creating illustrations for major advertising agencies and national corporations.

**Partial list of clients:**

American Express	Citizens Bank	New England Telephone	<b>Recognition</b> 1994 Honorable Mention, Communication Arts Annual 1988 Merit Award, The Art Director's Club of Boston 1988 Merit of Distinction, Creative Club of Boston 1983 Merit Award, The Art Director's Club of Boston
American Tourister	Converse	Nynex	
Bank of Boston	Etonic	Ocean Spray	
Bank of New England	Dupont	Rockport Shoe	
Boston Edison	Fidelity Investments	Sonesta Hotels	
Boston Globe	Genuity	Tom's of Maine	
Boston Museum of Fine Art	Jet Blue	Verizon	
Boston Museum of Science	Jonn Hancock Insurance	Wang Laboratories	
Budget Car Rental	Mass. State Lottery	Westin Hotels	
Carol Cable	Marriot Hotels	Xerox	








**Partial list of advertising agencies**

Allen & Gerritsen	Hill Holiday
Arnold	Horton Church & Goff
Aquent	Ingalls
BBDO New York	Leonard Monahan Saabye
Cabot	Mullen
Clarke Goward	Ogilvy & Mather Chicago
Devine & Pearson	Quinn & Johnson
Digitas New York	Rosin Greenburg Seronick
Fidelity	Simon & Partners
Gearon Hoffman	Wooding & Housley





**Mediums/self-accessed levels of proficiency**

**Traditional**

-  AIRBRUSH
-  COLORED PENCIL
-  DRAFTING
-  OILS
-  PENCIL
-  PEN & INK
-  WATERCOLOR

**Digital**

-  ACROBAT PRO CS5
-  BRIDGE CS5
-  DREAMWEAVER CS5
-  ILLUSTRATOR CS5
-  INDESIGN CS5
-  OSX v10.6.6
-  PHOTOSHOP CS5

-  MS POWERPOINT
-  MS WORD

