



John Briggs

John Briggs is a children's author who writes funny fiction and entertaining nonfiction. He is a former nationally syndicated children's TV critic who loved writing about programs with kidlit tie-ins. John is now thrilled to move from writing about children's programs to writing directly for children themselves, whether fiction or non-fiction. He is the author of four children's books (with more coming!), most notably the hilarious picture book *LEAPING LEMMINGS!* and the middle-grade biography *JUDY GARLAND: LITTLE WOMAN, BIG TALENT*, the only book about the legendary star of *The Wizard of Oz* written specifically for young readers.

Born in the Philadelphia suburbs, John grew up in the rural Pocono Mountains in a large farmhouse surrounded by hundreds of acres of fields and forest. "It was a great place to be a kid. It was Americana. A picturesque part of the country usually reserved for Courier & Ives paintings and delightfully old books." John returned to Philadelphia to study political science and history at Temple University before going on to study creative writing at New York University. He brings all that and more to his popular *Big Biography* series.

John is also a veteran comedy writer whose material has appeared on television, radio, print, and the stage. Anyone who's read his picture book can attest to his sense of humor, and should enjoy his string of upcoming joke books for young laughers.

Today, John lives in upstate New York, in the historic Capital District. He is a father to three wonderful children, ranging in age from a board-book reader to a young adult. Find out more about John, his work, and his upcoming projects at johnbriggsbooks.net.

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