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Esther J. Hildahl was born in Olympia, Washington. Though she has lived most of her life in Washington State, she has also lived for shorter periods of time in Oregon, Montana, and California. She has traveled extensively in the United States, Mexico, and lived in Europe. She graduated from EWSC (now EWU) and taught grades four and five at Jefferson Elementary for nineteen years. She has many interests, one of which is writing for children. Esther is the author of *Meadow Pond* (2012), *Mr. Inky: Spider With an Attitude* (2013), and *Marie's Marvelous Tomato* (2017). Newer stories include *Poopie the Fly and Friends* (2019) and *Winter Stories* (2021). She currently resides with her husband, Robert at their home in Spokane, Washington.

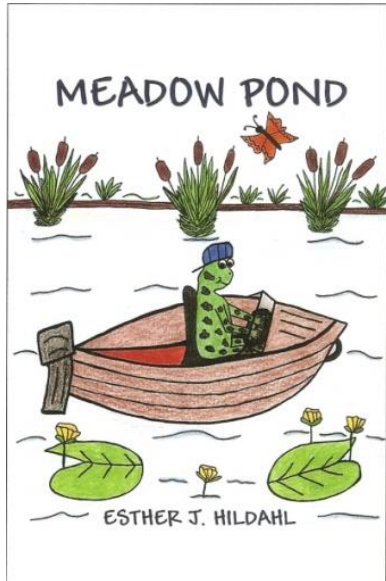
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(Includes Amazon™/Kindle™ ASIN codes)

MEADOW POND

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Life is great for the frogs and one turtle who live at Meadow Pond--except, of course, for the weekends when the mean Red Boat kids come to the nearby lake. Then they must stay hidden or risk being captured, never to be seen again.

But the rest of the week they are free to enjoy their pond and to explore about in their green meadow. Free, that is, until Hes-per, the giant snake from the edge of the forest, decides he wants a frog to eat!

Soon Hes-per becomes a big problem, and the frogs are too scared to leave their pond. What are they to do? What can they do?

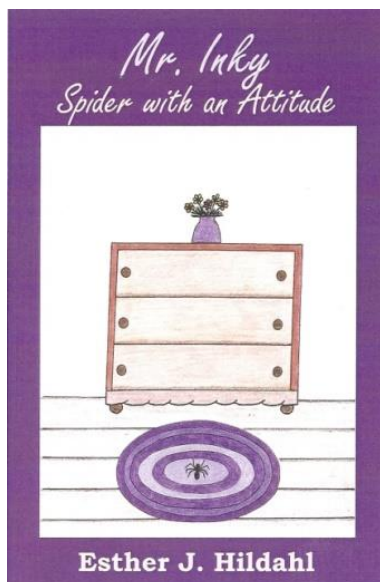
Web, Meadow Pond's bravest frog, has an idea. Will his idea work? Will Hes-per finally go away so the frogs can be safe once again?

Chapter book for grades 2-5 with numerous illustrations. Available at local bookstores and on Amazon. Cost: \$7.00

Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude

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Meet Mr. Inky--the lovable talking spider with bad grammar and an attitude. He's come to live in Vicki Wyatt's bedroom. She tries to get him to leave, even threatening him with one of her yellow flip-flops. But he refuses to go, telling her that it's "his" home, too.

Find out what happens when Vicki decides to take him to school for her science project. At first he doesn't want to go, especially in a jar. However, he finally agrees to go after Vicki makes him a promise and convinces him that he will be very safe in the classroom. But can she protect him from Rory Picklebok, the meanest kid in fifth grade? Will Mr. Inky even survive his trip to school?

Chapter book for grades 3-6. Available at local bookstores and on Amazon.
Cost: \$8.00

Marie's Marvelous Tomato

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Marie's Marvelous Tomato



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Marie Bishkee's best friend has left town, maybe forever, and Marie has no one her own age to play with in the neighborhood.

One day, while riding her bike, she discovers a small garden full of leafy green tomato plants. Racing home, she tells her mother that she wants to grow her *own* tomatoes.

After her mother agrees to let her buy *one* tomato plant, and her grandmother shows her how to protect it from cutworms, she plants it. However, instead of many tomatoes, it produces only one, but what a *marvelous* tomato it turns out to be.

Find out what happens as Marie's tomato grows and grows and grows. Will the monster bug destroy it? Will her dreams come true? Will this be her best

summer ever?

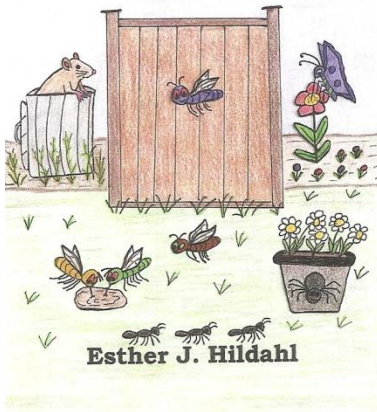
Chapter book for grades 2-5. Available on Amazon & Kindle. Cost: \$5.00.

Poopie the Fly and Friends

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Poopie the Fly and Friends



This book tells the story of Poopie the bluebottle fly and his friends Frederick, Amber, Butch, Luna the butterfly, Gordy the rat, and one other friend that Poopie doesn't tell his friends about—a black spider named Mr. Inky.

At school, Mr. Horace teaches his fly students to always be aware of their surroundings, but try as he might, Poopie and his friends somehow manage to get into one dangerous situation after another. Read and discover how Poopie escapes from a poop-eating dog, a fly-eating dog, a sticky drink, a birdbath full of yellow jackets, flyswatters, the hundreds of spiders in the dark woods, and a vicious praying mantis who comes to live in their backyard with the wooden fence.

Find out how Poopie eventually stands up to a bully and how at last he discovers his color blue is not dull at all, but beautiful.

Chapter book for grades 2-6. Available on Amazon & Kindle. Cost: \$8.00.

Winter Stories

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Read and enjoy five very different stories, all taking place during the winter. It has many illustrations and is a fun read-aloud book with lots of exciting characters.

Billy Skoomble is a boy who gets himself in trouble, but because of it, he has something to take to school for Show and Tell.

Zuri the Squirrel is taken from her family in the forrest, but with the help of two new friends, she hopes to find her way back home and see her family again.

Winter Surprise. Three snow ladies, with the help of magic, affect the lives of the little white bunnies they visit.

Angus the Rat finds happiness and friends, but also danger, in a new home with a large back yard.

Christmas Bugs. A lost boy wanders into a magical forest and meets the colorful, talented Christmas Bugs that live there.



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