



Julie F. Hedlund

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Julie Hedlund is an award-winning children's book author living her best life outside of Boulder, Colorado. She is a mother of two high-school age teens and an aging hound dog named, "Rocky."

Her titles include:

OVER, BEAR! UNDER, WHERE? (Philomel, 2021)

MY LOVE FOR YOU IS THE SUN (2014)

A TROOP IS A GROUP OF MONKEYS (2013)
the latter two, published by Little Bahalia Publishing.

Hedlund is a regular speaker at writing industry events, schools and libraries, bookstores, and book festivals.

She is also the founder of the **12 x 12 Picture Book Writing Challenge**, which boasts more than 1,000 members. Hedlund is also a co-founder of **Picture Book Summit**, an annual online conference celebrating its 6th anniversary in 2020, and the co-creator (with Emma Walton Hamilton) of **The Complete Picture Book Submissions System**.

Julie is represented by Erzsi Deak of Hen & Ink Literary Studio.

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OVER, BEAR! UNDER, WHERE?

Over, Bear! Under, Where? — Over and Under are two friends enjoying a day at the park. They go on the swings (Over goes over Under) and the seesaw (Under is under Over). They meet a hot-dog dog (who joins them for a hot dog). And then they spot . . . a bear! (Unbearable!) But is he really such a scary creature? Laugh and pick apart the punny wordplay as a pair of pals discovers that friendship underpins all.

Author: Julie Hedlund

Illustrator: Michael Slack

Reading Age: 4 -8 years

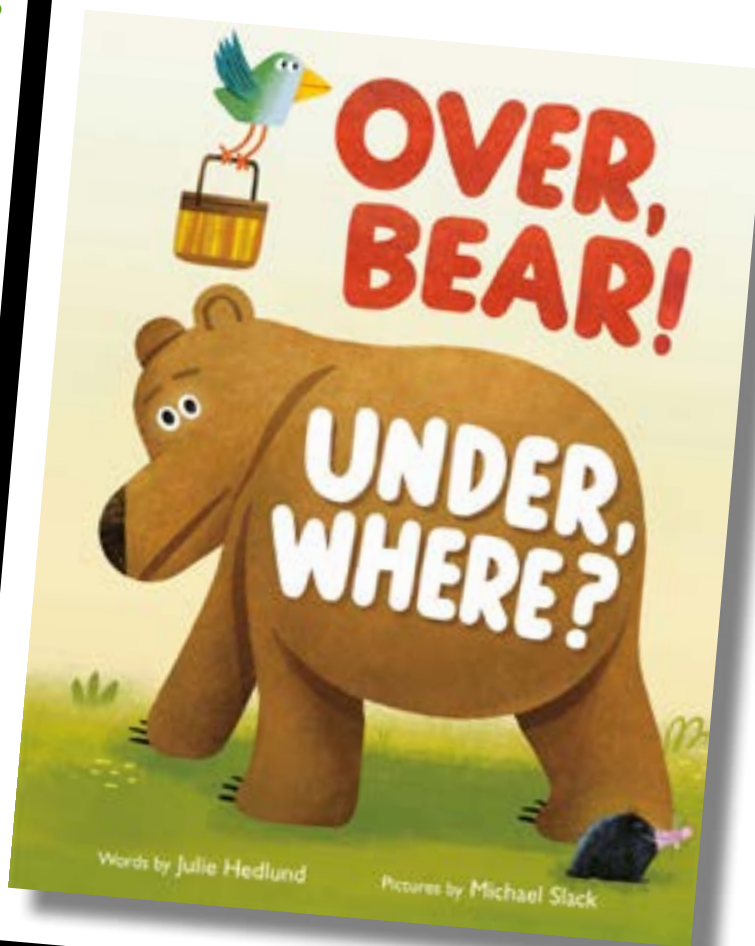
Grade Level: Preschool 2-3

Publisher: Philomel Books

ISBN: 978-0593203552

Publication Date: September 21, 2021

Themes: Friendship, Wordplay, Humor



I adore this book. Am Over Come with emotion ... er laughter. It's Jeff Mack on steroids, and every English teacher from kindergarten up to college needs to have it. THAT good.

— Jane Yolen
bestselling and award-winning author of
How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?

MY LOVE FOR YOU IS THE SUN

My Love for You is the Sun is a love letter from parent to child, written in verse and expressing that timeless and unconditional love through metaphors from the natural world. My Love for You is the Sun, a Tree, the Rain, a River... The text, coupled with stunning clay illustrations from artist Susan Eaddy, makes the beauty of nature leap from the page, celebrating the universal, infinite nature of love itself.

Author: Julie Hedlund

Illustrator: Susan Eaddy

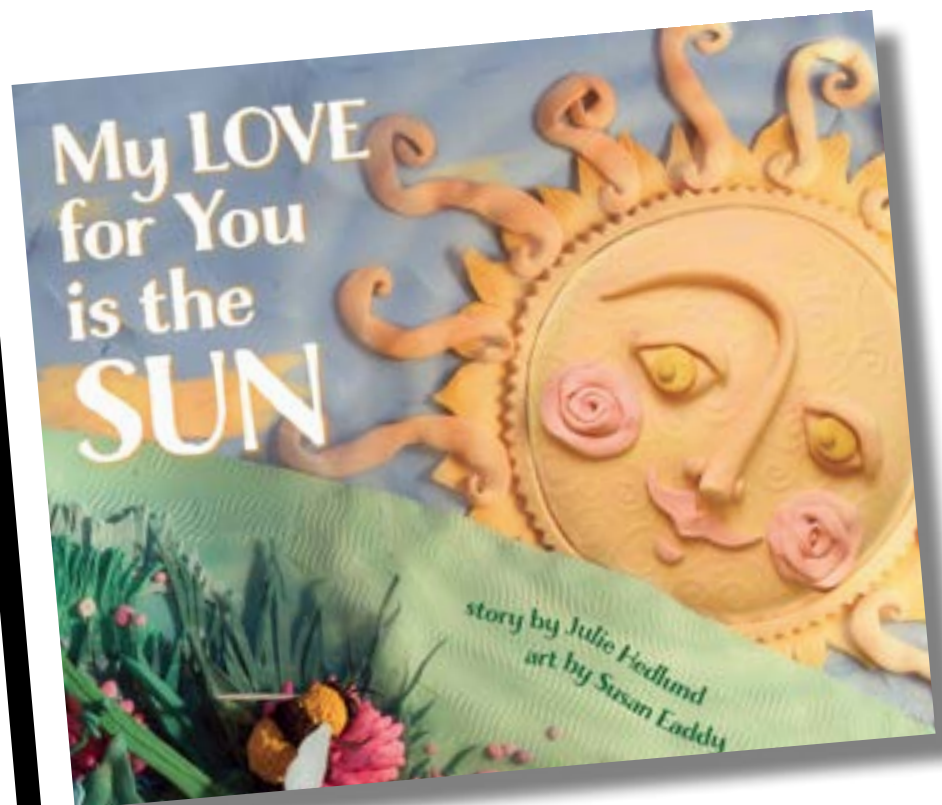
Target Age: 2 - 6

Publisher: Little Bahalia Publishing

ISBN: 978-0989668835

Publication Date: September, 2014

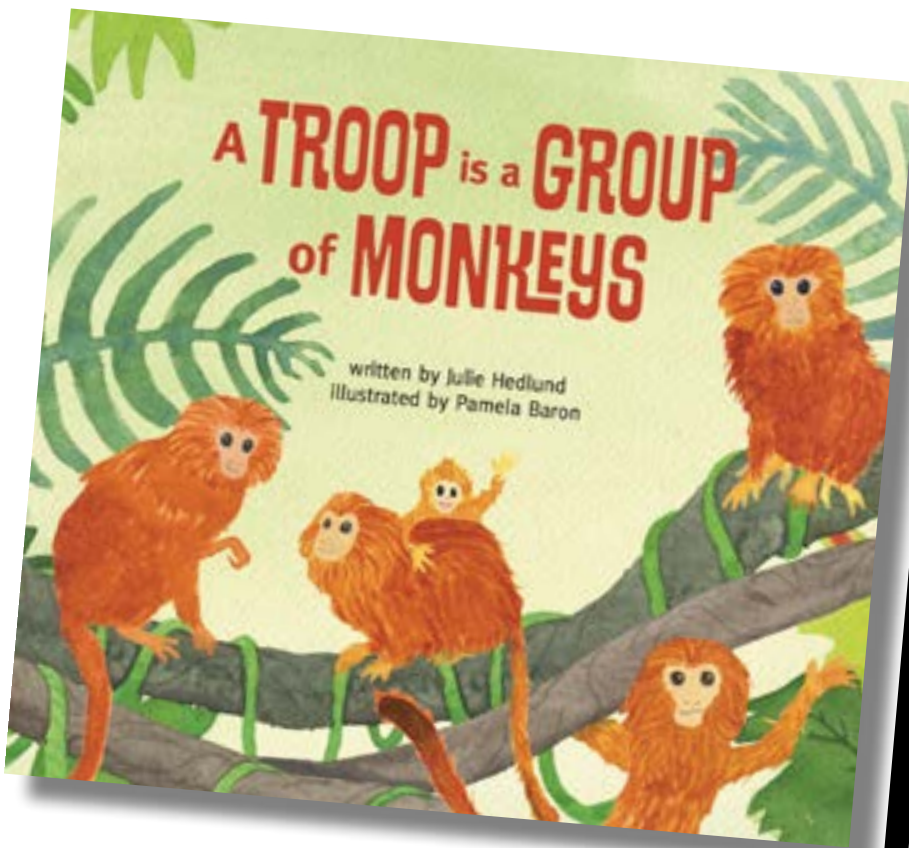
Themes: Parental love, bedtime, natural world



“My Love For You Is The Sun is classic, timeless, and yet completely fresh. It belongs on the shelf right between **Goodnight Moon** and **GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU.**” — Emma Walton Hamilton, New York Times Bestselling Author (with her mother Julie Andrews) of **The Very Fairy Princess** series of books and 30+ other books for children

“Beautiful, sweet, and comforting.” — Eileen Spinelli, Christopher Award-winning author — **Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch**, and children’s poet

“A soothing and lyrical tribute to the power of parental love.” — Linda Ashman, critically-acclaimed author of more than three dozen picture books, including **Rain!** and **Peace, Baby.**



A TROOP IS A GROUP OF MONKEYS

A parliament of owls, a surfeit of skunks, a pandemonium of parrots. **A TROOP IS A GROUP OF MONKEYS** celebrates the clever and poetic collective nouns for animal groups in this rhyming picture book. With beautiful painted illustrations by Pamela Baron, each animal group is brought to life in color-splashed environments.

Author: Julie Hedlund

Illustrator: Pamela Baron

Target Age: 2 - 6

Publisher: Little Bahalia Publishing

ISBN: 978-0989668804

Publication Date: October, 2013

Themes: Nature, environmentalism, animal group names, animal behavior

“Vocabulary-rich texts (“scuttles,” “pandemonium,” “plucks,” “vibrant,” “ambushes,” “scours,” “retracts”); quality illustrations; and an environmental message, should make [this a] popular choices inside and outside the classroom.”
— **School Library Journal**

“With pleasant rhyming text, Hedlund teaches children about 16 different collective nouns for wild animals. “A parliament of owls hoots in the night. / A pandemonium of parrots begins to take flight.” Appealing watercolor-and-pencil illustrations using textured backgrounds are warm and inviting.” —
Kirkus

“Each of the animal groups—a troop of monkeys, a colony of bats—comes to life and invites young readers to enjoy interactive play while reinforcing the vocabulary words on each page.”
— **Publisher’s Weekly**

To Book Julie As A Guest

Julie is an active member of the Picture Book Community and welcomes the opportunity to speak and present at conferences, appear as a guest on video and audio-only podcasts.

To request julie as a guest:

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Julie was a guest on "You've Got Me!" a Podcast hosted by Mel Rosenberg, from Ramat Gan, Jerusalem October 29, 2020

Podcasts, Webinars, Videos Where Julie has been a featured guest:

- Institute of Children's Literature (2018): <https://www.instituteforwriters.com/top-3-submission-tips-interview-with-julie-hedlund.aspx>
- Kidlit TV: <https://kidlit.tv/2016/05/storymakers-julie-hedlund-susan-eaddy/>
- The Writing Barn Podcast (formerly called the Porchlight Podcast, now called Courage to Create: <https://www.thewritingbarn.com/podcasts/porchlight-episode-20-julie-hedlund/>
- Kidlit Distancing Social - <https://writeforkids.org/blog/2020/05/kidlit-distancing-social-8-writing-in-rhyme/>