

When a young river otter sneaks into a zoo, she wonders if she should be more like some of the other animals she meets. She wants a trunk like the elephant or to be loud like the gorilla... By imitating and comparing herself to these other animals she learns to appreciate herself. Educational components are woven throughout this fun, read-aloud story to extend the learning, making it a perfect book for a wide variety of ages.

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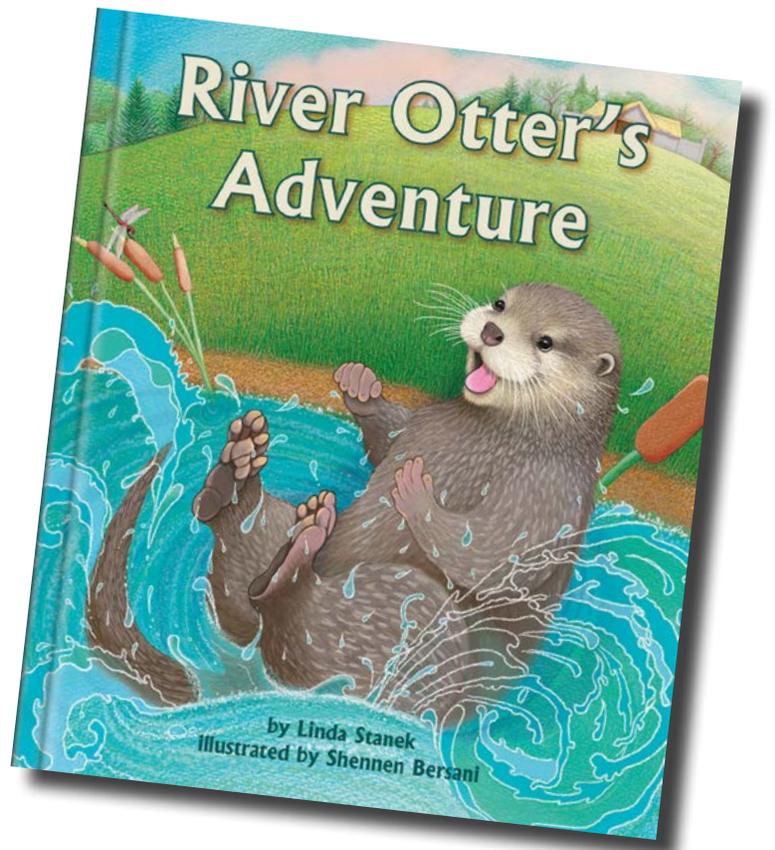


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As an early and middle childhood educator, Linda Stanek wants to inspire young learners, including children with written language disabilities, to write about things that excite them. Her own passion for teaching children about the importance of each link in the natural world provided the inspiration for *River Otter's Adventure*. Linda has also written *Cheetah Dreams*, *Night Creepers*, and *Once Upon an Elephant* (CBC Children's Choice Book Award) for Arbordale. Linda has two grown sons and lives in Ohio with her husband and feline family members. Visit her website at www.lindastanek.com.

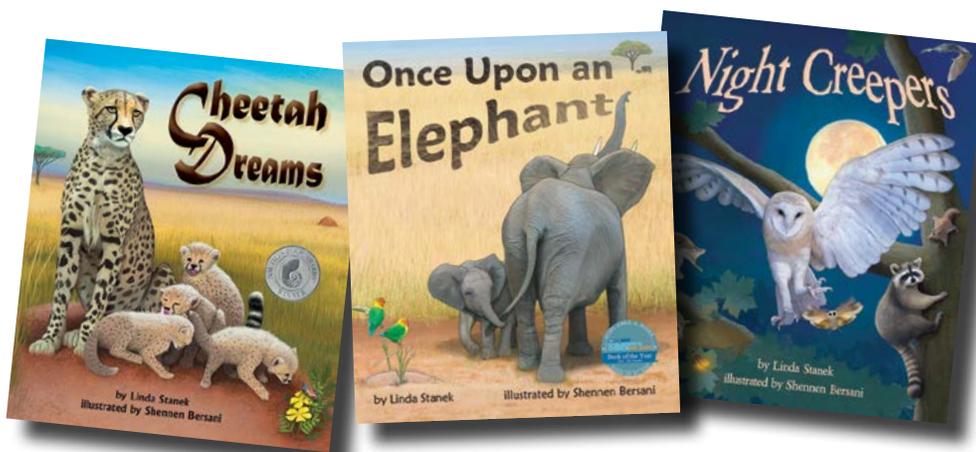
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Shennen Bersani is an award-winning illustrator with 2 million copies of her books cherished and read by children, parents, and teachers throughout the world. Her art delivers heartfelt emotion, the wonders of nature and science, and creates a unique joy for learning. Some of Shennen's other illustrated works include *Night Creepers*; *Cheetah Dreams*; *Animal Partners*; *Astro: The Steller Sea Lion*; *Home in the Cave*; *The Glaciers are Melting!*; *Once Upon an Elephant* (CBC Children's Choice Book Award); *Salamander Season*; *Sea Slime: It's Eeuwy, Goey and Under the Sea*; *The Shape Family Babies*; and *Shark Baby* for Arbordale. She is also the author and illustrator of *Achoo! Why Pollen Counts*. Shennen lives with her family near Boston. Visit her website at www.shennenbersani.com.



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