

About Peter H. Reynolds

Author & Illustrator of The Dot, Be You, Say Something

Champion of creativity, Peter H. Reynolds, is a New York Times best-selling author & illustrator. Published in over 25 languages, Peter's work has focused on nurturing the human spirit in all ages. *The Dot*, *Ish*, *The Word Collector* and *Say Something!*, among many others, inspire children and "grown up children" with his messages about authentic learning, creativity, bravery, empathy, and courageous self-expression.

Growing up Catholic in Chelmsford, MA, Peter and his twin brother Paul were altar servers at St. Mary's church. Their mother, Hazel, was inspirational in forging their passion for "spirit recharging" as they witnessed (and often assisted) her teaching religious formation classes - often improvising the provided curriculum. Her "out-of-the-box" thinking and methods were a model for her twin sons.

With troop meetings in the basement of St. Mary's, Peter started his scouting journey, which led him to earning the rank of Eagle Scout - and recently being recognized nationally with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA). It was at scout camp that Peter and Paul both befriended the camp chaplain who would go on to become a Jesuit priest and eventual prior of the Trappist monastery of Our Lady of Novo Mundo in Brazil.

Exposure to Ignatian theology informed the Reynolds' creative work and educational mission - encouraging others to discern their God-given gifts, talents and strengths and then committing oneself to the hard work of putting those gifts to positive, purposeful use, which is key to one of Peter's most important storybooks *The North Star*. His book *The Dot* earned the Christopher Award, presented by the Christophers (founded by Fr. James Keller, M.M.) to the producers, directors, and writers of books, films and television specials that "affirm the highest values of the human spirit". Peter has been a regular guest on television programs such as CatholicTV Network and Raymond Arroyo's *The World Over Live* on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

Peter also illustrated the best-selling *I am Yoga, I am Peace, I am Human*, and *The Water Princess* with Susan Verde, as well as the *Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald. He also has illustrated several books with brother Paul, including *Going Places* and the *STEAM-Powered Adventures of Sydney & Simon*. Peter now lives in Dedham, MA where he founded *The Blue Bunny*, a family-owned and operated children's book, toy, & creativity store.

Peter and his twin brother Paul, launched the Reynolds Center for Teaching, Learning, and Creativity (TLC). The center is a not-for-profit organization that encourages creativity and innovation in teaching and learning. More info at: www.reynoldstlc.com

Peter's educational media company, FableVision Studios - www.FablevisionStudios.com produces award-winning animations, interactive applications, and game-based learning including *Wanderlight:™ A Pilgrim's Adventure* - a groundbreaking online game (published by

Loyola Publishing) for Catholic kids of all ages as well as those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. His educational company, FableVision Learning www.fablevisionlearning.com produces applications to inspire creativity in the classroom. Their sister, Jane Reynolds joined her brothers to head up the learning division making the mission truly a family mission.

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