



BETH KROMMES



WHO IS BETH KROMMES?

Beth Krommes is an artist from the United States. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1956. She creates beautiful pictures for children's books. These pictures are called illustrations. Her artwork is very special because she uses a technique called scratchboard.

WHAT IS SCRATCHBOARD?

Scratchboard is a way of making art. First, Beth starts with a board covered in black ink. She scratches into the black surface with sharp tools to make shapes and lines. Underneath the black ink is a white layer, which shows through when she scratches. This makes her pictures look like they are full of light and detail.

BOOKS BETH KROMMES HAS ILLUSTRATED

Beth has illustrated many books for children. One of her most famous books is *The House in the Night*. This book won a big award called the Caldecott Medal. The pictures in the book are full of swirls, stars, and patterns that look magical.

WHERE DOES BETH GET HER IDEAS?

She finds inspiration in nature. She likes to look at trees, flowers, and animals. These things often appear in her art. She also enjoys telling stories through her pictures. This makes her art even more interesting to look at.

WHY IS THE ART SPECIAL?

Her art is different from many other artists because of how much detail she puts into her work. She uses lots of patterns, like spirals, dots, and lines. Her pictures are often black and white with a little bit of colour, which makes them look unique and exciting.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM BETH KROMMES?

Beth Krommes shows us that art can be made in many different ways. She teaches us to look closely at details and to use our imagination. Her work inspires people of all ages to create their own art.

Would you like to try scratchboard art like Beth? All you need is a piece of scratch paper and a stick to draw with!



FIND OUT MORE...

Facts about Beth Krommes

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the special art technique Beth Krommes uses?
2. What is underneath the black ink in scratchboard art?
3. Can you name a famous book illustrated by Beth Krommes?
4. Where does Beth Krommes find inspiration for her art?
5. What patterns does Beth often include in her illustrations?