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follow Jenny!



Jennifer had a whimsical childhood during the 1970s and 80s, with imaginary friends and a trusty noble steed as her constant companions. As she grew older, her imagination and love for children's books remained, guiding her to become a teacher. She's now on an extraordinary adventure of her own into the world of children's literature. She is the author of *The Extraordinary Imagination of Jenny Figment* and is super excited to share new adventures in *Book Two: Andy's Space Friends*. Jennifer loves animals, especially pocket dragons, and has a passion for baking pinkerdoodles. She lives in Illinois with her husband, daughter, one cat, and two dogs—who sadly do not talk (though sometimes Jennifer imagines they do).

Jennifer is a proud member of
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THE EXTRAORDINARY IMAGINATION OF JENNY FIGMENT

Jenny Figment teaches kids that with a little imagination, life can be an adventure!



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Join Jenny Figment, a little girl with a BIG imagination, as she explores a magical world with her clever ghost friends. Whether she's galloping to Ghost Town on her noble steed or shrinking to spider-size and bouncing on a web-spun trampoline, Jenny's world knows no limits!

And when her little town is in trouble, it's her imagination, as well as a cast of remarkable characters, that comes to the rescue. After all, when your best friends are as extraordinary as Jenny's, anything is possible!

ANDY'S SPACE FRIENDS



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Jenny and Andy have become best friends —going on space missions to Planet Sandbox, sending messages to Andy's space friends using their super-secret space communicator, and playing hide and seek with the shrinking swarbles that live under the Big Toy.

When the school merry-go-round turns into a rocket ship on Halloween night, the two friends begin the adventure of a lifetime! Landing on Planet Olij, the planet of the space friends, we follow the explorers through giant forests, across frozen landscapes, and over fields of gemstones to the end of the planet to find the dreaded Bundevea. But will they find him in time to save the planet? Book Two in the Jenny Figment series, *Andy's Space Friends* is a magical read (and perfect read aloud) for early middle grade adventure seekers, ages 7-11.

(NOT SO) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Find student activities
in the
Parent and Teacher Guide
at
www.jennyfigment.com

How did you come up with the idea for Jenny Figment?

10 years ago, when my daughter was around Jenny's age, I had a bathroom door that would not stay put. It used to swing shut all on its own!

One day I had the thought, "What if that's just a friendly ghost, playing tricks on me?" And the idea for a story about a little girl with ghost friends was born.

Will The Extraordinary Imagination of Jenny Figment be a series?

Yes! Andy's Space Friends launched in fall of 2024, and book three will make its debut in Fall 2025! Stay tuned for more exciting news on this twisted fairy tale adventure.

Did you always know you wanted to be a writer?

No! When I was eight I wanted to be a lawyer. When I was eighteen I wanted to be a music teacher. When I was twenty-one I wanted to be a third grade teacher. Then I became a music teacher, and loved it!

When I was forty-eight I wanted to be a pastry chef. But I have ALWAYS loved kid's books—WAY more than adult books. And now I get to do three of the things I love in one ...

I get to write kid's books, bake delicious pinkerdoodles, and talk to kids about using their imaginations! It's pretty great.

How do you get the ideas for your stories?

Most of my ideas come to me at the weirdest times. Sometimes I'm mowing the lawn, sometimes I'm vacuuming the carpet, and a lot of times when I'm lying in bed trying to count sheep.

Those sheep turn into pocket dragons and pixie toads. Then I have to write them down right away so I don't forget about them in the morning! I keep lots of journals...one next to my bed, one in the kitchen, and one tied to the lawn mower handle (just kidding).

Where do you sit when you write?

Do you use a crayon and paper or a computer?

I sit at my kitchen table when I write. My chair is comfy, I usually sit crisscross applesauce, and I almost always have a mug of something warm to drink.

While I usually write ideas and story diagrams in a fun journal with a colorful pen (sometimes blue, often pink), I always type the story itself on my laptop to make editing easier. My characters and their stories take on a life of their own as I write, so I make a lot of changes!

What is your favorite cereal?

I want to tell you it's something healthy, like Raisin Bran or Special K. That's what I'm supposed to tell you. But my Grandpa Tony taught me not to tell a lie. Its Cap 'n Crunch.