



# Coleen Paratore

*“I love to laugh and I love to make people laugh. It’s a good thing all the way around.”*

Coleen Paratore began her career in advertising and marketing after graduating from the College of Saint Rose with a bachelor’s degree in English. She earned a master’s degree in English from Trinity College by attending school at night. After the birth of her sons, Coleen rediscovered the books she loved as a child and began to share them with her children.

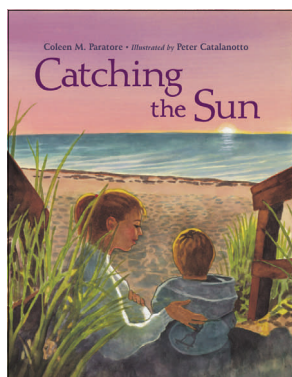
“We devoured books together, morning, noon, and night. We’d fill a sack full of picture books every week, snuggle up on the couch, and read, read, read. I didn’t know it at the time, but in addition to it being enormously fun, this was fabulous research. As I was devoting my best creative energy to my children and sharing my love of books with them, I was soaking in lessons in characterization and plot and structure and language. . . feeding my writer’s voice in happy hibernation.”



Coleen has written picture books, such as *How Prudence Proovit Proved the Truth About Fairy Tales* (Simon & Schuster), and middle-grade novels, including *The Cupid Chronicles* (Simon & Schuster).

Coleen lives in Albany, New York, and summers on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with her husband and three sons.

## Books by Coleen Paratore



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**Look quickly, then close your eyes. . . .**

It’s a family tradition. At dawn on the last morning of vacation, Dylan and his mom “catch the sun.” But next year things will be different. Soon Dylan will have a new baby brother or sister.