



Prairie Storms

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About the Author & Illustrator



Darcy Pattison is the 2007 recipient of Arkansas Governor's Arts Awards for her work in Children's Literature. Darcy established the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators Arkansas Chapter, and serves as a speaker for chapters throughout the nation. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Children's Program for the Arkansas Literary Festival. Published in eight languages, Darcy's other works include *19 Girls and Me* and *Searching for Oliver K Woodman*. Darcy is a writing instructor and resides in central Arkansas. For more information about Darcy, visit her website at www.darcypattison.com.

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