

WENDY ANN GARDNER - BIO

An artist originally from Toronto, Canada, Wendy began her career as a painter. She studied at the Ontario College of Art and Design and moved to New York City to work as an illustrator.

Wendy Ann Gardner loves dogs, cats, chickens and pets of all kind. One day she met a French Bulldog which inspired her to create the Naughty Naughty Pets.

In 1997 she formed her company, SCARY STORIES INC. She began selling Dig Ivan Dig, Heedley Pecked Me In The Eye, and all the other characters in her line of unique plush toys. The toys have been sold in boutiques, design stores, gifts shops, and museums throughout the world.

Wendy Ann Gardner's illustrations of the Naughty Naughty Pets characters have been licensed worldwide to create various products including children's clothing, watches, stationery, lollipops, stickers, wallets, handbags, PJ's, and t-shirts.

In 2002, Hyperion Books for Children published The Naughty Naughty Pets series of children's books. In 2006, the animated TV series based on the characters debuted on Cartoon Network and CBC Canada, produced by Decode Entertainment and the CBC. Most recently she has written the children's musical "*Windywoo and Her Naughty Naughty Pets*", currently in development with Seaview Productions in NYC, and appeared at NYMF in 2015.

Throughout her career, Wendy has been featured in popular and industry publications such as InStyle, The Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail, National Post, Fortune Small Business, The New York Times, New York Magazine, Playthings Magazine, The Chicago Tribune, Working Mother, The Tribeca Trib, Elle Décor, Martha Stewart and The Pictoplasma Encyclopedia.

Wendy Ann Gardner lives in New York City with her husband, two children, a big dog and her cats, Artie and Marty Cohen, who star in the musical.