

Heidi Koland, Author + Illustrator

*Step into the current and put yourself in the midst of the universe.
You never know what opportunities await!*

About the Author + Illustrator



Heidi Koland is an author, illustrator, photographer, and accomplished health and well-being professional. She was born and raised in Minnesota which helped shaped her passions and she will always hold a special place for Minnesota in her heart. She loves nature and is infinitely curious about our outdoor world. Heidi currently lives in Colorado with her husband, Scott, their energetic son, Kai, and a half-manx Cat, Bodhi...as well as many travelers found outside in the yard that have overnight stays in their terrarium (currently it's a slug).

Heidi has been a landscape nature photographer for over 20 years and loves to use pictures to tell stories. In 2022, she published her debut children's fiction picture book: *If I Could Ride a Train* depicting a train ride and all the amazing sights we can see. Heidi has additional works in progress such as *the sea*, *dark wolf*, and *let's talk* which all include the common theme of nature exploring issues such as fear, importance of nature play, health, and loss. Heidi is a member of SCBWI and wants to share her passion for the appreciating the natural beauty that surrounds us each day with children across the world.

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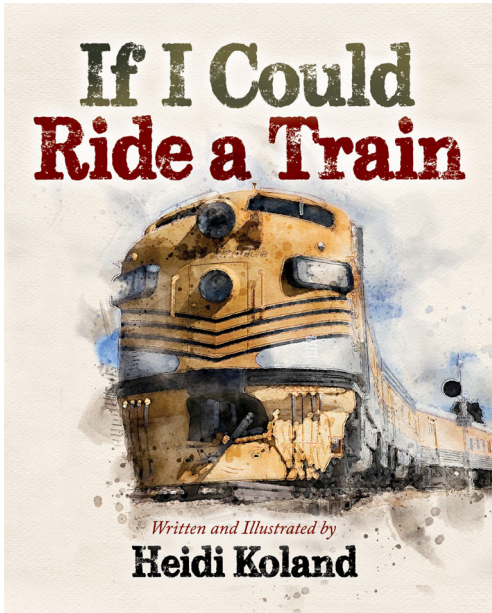
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About: *If I Could Ride a Train*



Hope aboard an amazing train ride and prepare to see the sights!

Zoom through tunnels and climb tall mountains—watch the rushing river go by. *If I Could Ride a Train* shows the journey on a train through a child's dreaming eyes as they travel through the great outdoors. **Toot toot!**

All aboard! This train is leaving the station!

Book Information

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Reviews

"This is not your average train book. The perspective of the illustrations makes the reader feel like you're on that journey over bridges, through canyons and over mountains. This book conveys the mood of an authentic train ride experience.

The story line includes great rhythm cadence to help kids identify and manipulate individual sounds and build vocabulary. Fun and learning all in one beautiful adventure.."

—Librarian