

Natalia Nik – Children's book illustrator

SUMMARY

Traditional and digital artist and illustrator with a passion for children's book illustrations. Illustrator's style is best described as gentle, whimsical, and light-hearted in playful stylization. Prefer to work with picture books and young adults. Skilled in a variety of art media and with a graphic design background. A friendly and communicative person, always ready for collaboration.

EDUCATION

- MFA Illustration, Cum Laude | 2020
Academy of Art University – San Francisco, CA
- MA Artist-stylist, with honors | 2000
A.N. Kosygin Moscow State Textile University – Moscow, Russia

EXPERIENCE

- Art Director | 2008-2019 | NUANCE – Moscow
 - Developed initial sketches, designs and concept art according to topic
 - Worked closely with clients to provide concepts
- Curator and illustrator | 2016 - present | «Port Skazok», audiobooks for children with illustrations | mobile app
 - Illustrations for app, illustrations and cover designs for YouTube Chanel projects, cover design for audiobooks.
 - Interactions with illustrators, curation of the projects
- Freelance artist | 2004 - present
 - Illustrations, children's book illustrations, design of printing production, business style, paintings to order, graphic art.
- Volunteer designer | 2015 - present | REY Found (Foundation for homeless animals)
 - Company style, illustrations, promo designs, advertising designs.
- Volunteer illustrator | 2015 – 2016 | International on-line magazine «Arbookmania.»
 - Editorial illustrations

LATEST PROJECTS

- Children's book «Commander of the Regiment». Irina Ivannikova | 2022 | Publishing House «Strekoza».
 - Cover design, illustrations
- Children's book «Five plus Thirteen». Valentina Partina | coming in 2023 | Publishing House «Strekoza».
 - Cover design, illustrations
- Children's book «Mr. Clerk, Chief Elf in Charge» by Graciela M. Fairclough | 2022 | self publishing.
 - Layout. Cover design, illustrations

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2021 - AOI (UK) membership
- 2021 - SCBWI membership
- 2020 - Long list, 2020 Spring Show | Academy of Art University
- 2016 - «Russian Art Week» | Moscow | Nominated for 1-st place in Book illustration
- 2016 - Member of the International Federation of Artists (Graphic section)
- 2000 - Member of the International Artists Fund. Moscow Association of Artists (Graphic section)

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PORTFOLIO

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SKILLS

Children's book illustration
Character design
Sketching
Digital Painting

SOFTWARE

Photoshop
Illustrator
Procreate
InDesign

TRADITIONAL MEDIUMS

Graphite
Ink
Watercolors
Mixed media

SOFT SKILLS

Communication
Flexibility
Adaptability

LANGUAGES

Russian & English