

Rick Lieder

Painter and photographer Rick Lieder's art has appeared on award-winning novels ranging from mysteries and science fiction, to books based on the X-Files TV series and Newberry Award-winning books for children. His fine art has been exhibited in galleries in the Midwest and Canada, and includes painting, photography, and digital art.

His nature photography centers on ordinary backyard wildlife. These photographs capture the unique qualities of light interacting with the natural world, including luminous photographs of honey bees and small birds in flight, glowing fireflies mating and hovering over twilight fields, mosquitoes with a belly full of blood, and new-born praying mantis nymphs emerging from their egg cases.

His nature picture book for all ages, *Step Gently Out* is a collaboration with award-winning novelist and poet Helen Frost, published by Candlewick Press.

Among other honors:

- ALA 2013 Notable Book
- Best Children's Books of 2012: Kirkus Reviews
- Starred reviews from Kirkus, Booklist, and Publisher's Weekly.
- Finalist: 2013 Chickadee Award
- International Reading Association:
– Tops of 2012 in Picture Books

Rick blogs about the world overhead and underfoot, a celebration of small animals living their lives, the leaves and the grass and the light, all of it reflecting the amazing life surrounding us.