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New Halloween and Christmas titles from Holiday House

New York, NY—Holiday House is pleased to present two new books with which to celebrate the fall and winter holidays this year.

In the first, young readers are invited into **HALLOWEEN FOREST**, where cat bones, rat bones, and bat bones illustrate this ghostly Halloween adventure by Newbery Honor recipient Marion Dane Bauer. Told in unmetered rhymed verse paired with intricately detailed illustrations by internationally renowned artist John Shelley, this original Halloween story shows young trick-or-treaters that all they need to do is be brave in order to outwit a spooky old forest.

Marion Dane Bauer has written a wide range of books for young people, including *In Like a Lion*, *Out Like a Lamb*, illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. She lives in Minnesota. Visit her website at www.mariondanebauer.com.

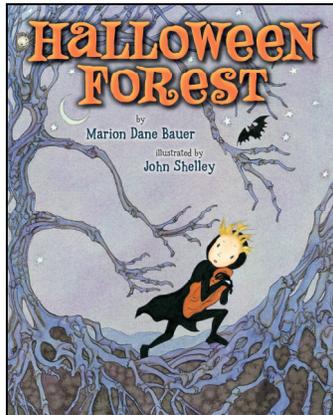
John Shelley's illustrations are known internationally, especially in Japan, where he lived and worked for twenty-one years. He now lives in England. Visit him at www.shelleyillustration.com.

In the second holiday offering, **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, DEEP UNDER THE SEA**, master storyteller Kathie Kelleher celebrates Clement C. Moore's classic Christmas poem with a fantastically reimagined underwater tribute: *On the night before Christmas, deep under the sea / Marine life was waiting with expectant glee*. Vibrantly illustrated by Dan Andreasen, this charming twist on the beloved poem—featuring happy fish, mermaids, lively sea horses, and

various whimsical sea creatures, including Santa as a walrus!—is sure to make this Christmas even more magical.

Kathie Kelleher was born into a family of storytellers. After being nurtured by her parents in her writing and drawing skills, she has been an illustrator for more than thirty years. She enjoys transforming pictures into words and words into pictures. Kathie lives in **Massachusetts**.

Dan Andreasen has illustrated twenty-five picture books as well as books about two of the American Girl historical characters, Felicity and Samantha. Dan also illustrates the new Little House series. He lives in **Ohio**.



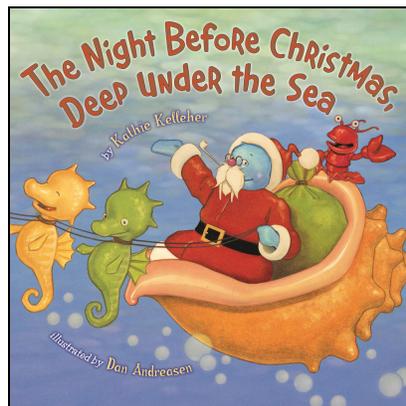
HALLOWEEN FOREST

by Marion Dane Bauer • illustrated by John Shelley

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