

SCBWI France presents a

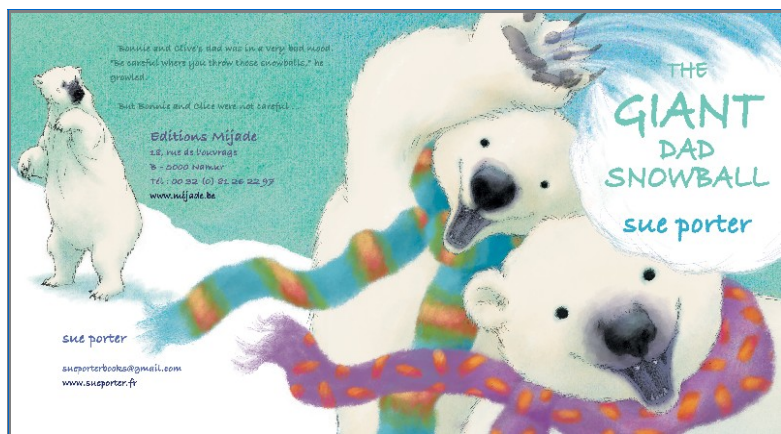
# Spring Atelier



## The Whole Story: Idea, Words, Pictures, Publisher

Author/illustrator Sue Porter and founder/editor of Mijade, Michel Demeulenaere will present Sue's latest picture book, **PAPA SE MET EN BOULE** and their collaborative process in bringing it to the world. The morning will include a presentation of Sue's rich experience in writing and illustrating as well as an introduction to Mijade and French/Belgian children's publishing from Michel.

All this will be followed in the afternoon by a **workshop** on generating ideas using the reference archives of Faith Jaques and Janet Ahlberg. In a concentrated mix of presentation, instruction and advice, Sue will guide you towards your own formula for creating characters and plots. Although Sue's work is with picture books, the techniques could be applied to writing for any age group.



**Saturday, May 12, 2012**

**9:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**55€ members**

**65€ nonmembers**

**40€ for a limited number of individual reviews**

**Join us at the**

**Marymount School**

**72 Blvd de la Saussaye**

**92200 Neuilly sur Seine**

**Metro Line 1, Pont de Neuilly stop**

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**Sue Porter** is an author/illustrator with 30 years of experience with US, UK publishers and beyond (Penguin, Heinemann, Viking Kestrel, Simon and Schuster, Harper Collins UK and US, Orchard Books, Frances Lincoln, Canongate, Mathew Price, Dorling Kindersley, Gullane, Oxford University Press, Methuen). She is currently working for Mijade in Belgium. Sue has 80 plus books to her credit as author/illustrator or illustrator.

- Some titles include **PARSNIP**, **SWEET DREAMS** and **ONE POTATO** among many others. Sue's been shortlisted by John Betjeman for the Arts Council of Great Britain's Award for the Best Children's Book for **AMBROSE** (Sacket and Marshall) and for a Mother Goose Award for **HEPBIZAH** written by Peter Dickinson (Eel Pie). She has won the Owl Award (Japan) and Prix Verselle (Belgium) for **ONE POTATO** (Viking Kestrel).
- Sue has a long experience visiting schools and colleges. She ran Bear Studios in the UK with Jana Novotny Hunter for 15 years, hosting picture book critique sessions and workshops for students and established writer/illustrators. Sue lives in France.
- Check out her **website: <http://www.sueporter.fr/>**

• **La maison d'édition Mijade** was created in 1993, a dream of its founder **Michel Demeulenaere** who was at the time a bookseller specializing in comics and children's books. Mijade specializes in picture books and middle grade/young adult novels..

• Concerning their **picture books** (2-8 years) "We love books in which the everyday problems are transformed into the form of a fable or in a way that broadens the child's point of view of the world. The goal is never to moralize but to bring about a dialogue with humor..."

• They have **two collections for older readers**. "Zone J" (9-15 years) has a broad range of authors and styles with stories about life, mysteries, fantasy, humor. "Mijade roman" is contemporary fiction for young adults (from 15 years on).

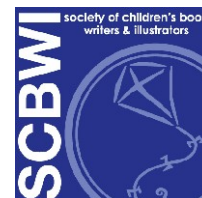
• To learn more about Mijade, go to their **website: <http://www.mijade.be/>**

*Michel's presentation will be in French.  
An English translation will be provided.*



### The Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators

Founded in 1971 in California, this international professional association has grown to more than 20,000 members around the world. The chapter in France was launched in 1996 and now has over fifty members. In addition to the annual conference, SCBWI France holds a retreat every two years in Brittany and offers monthly critique group meetings. To find out how you can join, please visit: <http://www.scbwi.org/>.



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