

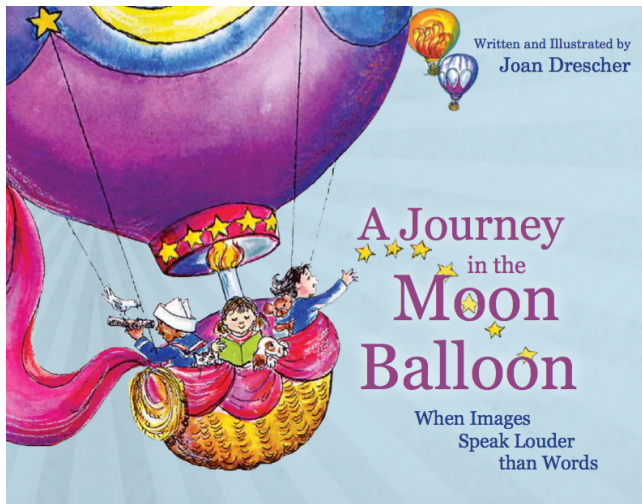
Hingham Author and Illustrator

Joan Drescher

presents her new book

A Journey in The Moon Balloon: When Images Speak Louder Than Words

Joan Drescher, Gallery Artist and Coastal Printmaker, will be signing her new book at the Blue Ribbon Members Show and Reception at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, MA, July 17, from 6 to 8 pm.



Take a journey in a hot air balloon to see the world differently. Open your heart, drop your fears, relax and get in touch with your feelings with Joan's newest book, *A Journey in The Moon Balloon: When Images Speak Louder Than Words*, just released by Jessica Kingsley Publishers of London, UK and Philadelphia, USA.

This colorfully illustrated book utilizing collage and watercolor has been used to help children of all ages express their emotions and feel better about themselves and the world around them through writing, drawing and symbols. It also teaches parents and caregivers how to use the book and includes other creative tools to encourage communication. Drescher wrote this helpful book inspired by her young patients during her 13 years as Artist in Residence at Mass General Hospital for Children.

Joan's monoprints and original artwork from this new book will be on display at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, MA from August 25th to December 21st.

She will also be featured at the International Air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico this October where Drescher will be drawing and signing books.



JOAN DRESCHER has explored how art heals the body, mind and spirit for more than 20 years. Her unique and colorful murals are found in major hospitals throughout the US and Canada. She is the Director of the nonprofit, The Moon Balloon Project ®, Building Healing Bridges for Children Through The Arts in Medicine. She has authored and illustrated more than 25 books for children and adults, including *On Wings of Light* with Dr. Joan Borysenko. Drescher is a fellow at the Lesley University Institute for Mind, Body and Spirituality in Cambridge MA. She is a certified Spiritual Director from the Claritas Institute for Inter-spiritual Inquiry in Boulder CO. She is a Gallery Artist at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset MA.

What Others Have to Say About *A Journey in The Moon Balloon: When Images Speak Louder Than Words*:

“This book represents the best practice for working with children’s emotional issues. A must-have for chaplains, professional caregivers, medical practitioners, and art therapists as well as parents. Well-researched and easily approachable in its applications.”

– Rev. Suzanne Fageol, Spiritual Director and Somatic Trauma Educator

“Joan offers children, caregivers, parents and others practical hands-on tools for engaging in the arts’ curative powers. With its many concrete examples and clearly articulated tools, this deeply engaging book includes clear instructions and guidelines for using art as a way to have difficult conversations and elicit life-enhancing responses to troubled times.

“This gem of a book offers artists and non-artists alike viable and easily accessible methods to reach children and adults in vulnerable moments, and to reach deep within to access images of healing, hope and inspiration.”

– Vivien Marco Speiser, PhD, Professor and International Director, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Lesley University

“I have been using dreams and drawings by my patients for decades. Consciousness speaks to us through images. I commend Joan Drescher for her work and book, and hope that it will make a difference, and have patient’s drawings become part of medical training and education.”

– Bernie Siegel, MD