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JUDITH WOLF MANDELL attended Brandeis University and holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Michigan and a Master of Arts from Harvard Graduate School of Education. Her career includes stints as a publicist for The Viking Press in Manhattan; in San Diego, public television producer, print journalist, mayoral press secretary and public relations practitioner; book reviewer and essayist. This is her first children's book.

In 2006 Mandell, her husband and Cockapoo moved from San Diego to Nashville to be near offspring and grandchildren. They live in an absurd-for-their-age, three-level angular house in the woods. They have a critter eviction service on retainer.

LISE C. BROWN grew up on a quiet farm, entertaining herself with nature, reading and art. Her love of animals led to a biology degree from Davidson College. After a career in technology and marketing, she turned to art: first as a prize-winning potter, then as a versatile artist whose colorful, quirky creations are in collections worldwide.

In creating the illustrations for ***Sammy's Broken Leg (Oh, No!)*** and ***the Amazing Cast That Fixed It***, Brown used an array of materials in addition to the primary watercolor and gouache. Her simple, whimsical lines and bright colors convey Sammy's irrepressible joy in life.

Brown shares life in Nashville, Tennessee with her husband and their family of rescued cats.

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