I am an illustrator of children's books and painter of watercolors, professionally since 1991. I attended a two year course in commercial art at Utah Technical College and have taken workshops and conferences in the years since on illustrating and painting in watercolor. I've illustrated picture books by Faye Gibbons published by Boyds Mills Press and others. I'm a signature member of the Utah Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and National Watercolor Society. I've won numerous awards including best of show at the Utah Watercolor Society Spring Show.

The copyright law is so important to me and to my profession as an artist. It takes me so long to create these works of art and so I'm very invested in the work I create. They are mine and I can use them for various projects and don't want something that I've worked on so long to be stolen by someone whose only exertion is to surf the web and steal my images and use them without compensation to me. It is so important to my work, my brand and my image to be able to determine how and by whom my work is used. It is financially important to me. My work does not lose value on publication. There are various ways that I can use the images to help financially compensate for the time that goes into the drawings. My images are my business life.

Thank you,

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