

Marcus Pfister

"My older siblings were always trying to be the first to read the street signs. I couldn't wait to learn my ABC's so that I could play too!"

Background Information:

- Borne in Berne, Switzerland
- Graphic Advertising Artist
- Traveled around the U.S for 9 months
- Wife and three children
- 1st book in 1986: Sleepy Owl
- The Rainbow Fish - his best known and best-selling work
 - Bologna Book Fair Critici in Erba Prize
 - Christopher Award
 - 1995 American Booksellers Book of the Year Award
- Rainbow Fish to the Rescue
 - NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the field of Social Studies
 - IRA-CBC Children's Choice
 - American Bookseller Pick of the List
- Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale
 - IRA-CBC Children's Choice

Author Style

- **Illustrations**
 - Picture Books
 - Watercolors
 - Wet paint on wet paper to get a softer effect
 - Animals
 - Foil Stamping
- **Text**
 - Works translated into many different languages
 - Teaches morals
 - Strong character development
 - Animals speak

Teaching Strategies

- Crayon Resist/Blue wash
- Make your own book covers
- Flip Books
- Lessons on Character Education
- Create your own ending or choose your favorite- Milo and the Magical Stones
- List your special qualities
- Compare the different written languages

"Reading is one of my favorite leisure time activities"

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