

# Nora Thompson Illustrations Newsletter

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### 1. **\*\*Alert: Important Info\*\***

Just when you (and I) thought things were settling in, one of us goes and changes her mind.

Yeah, that would be me. I'm having a bit of trouble with the newsletter generator I'm using, and I want to upgrade before the mailing list gets too out of hand. So here's what I'm asking you to do (please). Since I don't have all your email addresses, and I don't have the ability to relocate the addresses already signed up here, I'm going to need you to re-sign up.

I'll try to make this as easy as possible for everybody involved. If you click on the link right below this section of the newsletter, it will take you to a new sign-up page on my Web site. Add your email address, click the "Subscribe" button at the bottom and you're good to go!

I might need to send the next newsletter out using the current newsletter client, just to be sure everyone has had the chance to update their information, but somewhere over the next couple of months I'll be moving on over. Please [let me know](#) if you have any problems re-subscribing.

Sorry for the inconvenience, but the upgrade is seriously good, and you'll appreciate the change!

And thanks!

Link: <http://www.nora-thompson.com/newsletr.html>

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### 2. Jack and Jill

As I mentioned a couple newsletters ago, I've been doing some work for [Jack and Jill magazine](#), and five more of my illustrations printed in the November/December issue. The illustrations accompanied their "Winter Activities Quiz," and showed things you can do in the snow or indoors during cold winter months.

I've included one of the illustrations here, but you can see a few more at this address:

Link: <http://nora-thompson.blogspot.com/2009/12/jack-jill.html>

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### 3. Jack and Jill (part 2)

And if the above Jack and Jill information wasn't exciting enough, I've just finished even *more* illustrations for *Jack and Jill*'s March/April issue. These ones illustrate an article and quiz about going green to coincide with Earth Day, April 22.

Did you know this year marks Earth Day's 40th anniversary? Yeah, neither did I. Whether it's Earth Day or not, make sure you recycle whatever you can, and turn off the water and lights when you're not using them. And remember to use both sides of the paper before you throw it away. This isn't just about Earth Day, it's about being responsible and taking care of the only home we have.

Find out more ways to save the planet on the Earth Day Network link below.

Link: <http://www.earthday.net/>

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### 4. Hairy Eyeballs

I've been working over the past few months on a new book that I want to send to publishers for review by the end of the year. Some of the stories actually started six years ago when I was taking a fiction writing class, and I've adapted them to fit a younger audience. The book will target middle grade age and up (including adults), and the stories in it are a wee bit twisted.

O.K. They're a *lot* twisted.

I've started documenting my progress on the book on a new blog (linked to at the end of this section; Make sure you include the dash ( - ) between "hairy" and "eyeballs."). I'll be including some background information there on stories I'm working on along with rough sketches—or even details from finished drawings—of some of the illustrations from the book.

One more note...I will also be uploading a Web site to accompany the book, and the address will be: [www.hairyeyeballs.com](http://www.hairyeyeballs.com) (without the dash). I'm still in the process of building the site, but when it's up and running, I'll repost the link on the blog to let everyone know.

Link: <http://hairy-eyeballs.blogspot.com/>

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At least for today, try to be kind to your local groundhog. He's only upset because he supposed to be hibernating until spring.