

# SARAH WINIFRED SEARLE

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## CURRENT

### **Boston Public Library** **Writer-in-Residence Fellow**

*September 2011–Present*

In a fellowship with the Associates of the Boston Public Library, I am working on my first full-length book: a graphic novel based on family history and ghost lore of my hometown. I am also running arts and writing workshop for Boston teens, including at-risk youth.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*This is a selection of recent jobs; also refer to the "Client List" on the right.*

### **Six Red Marbles** **Contract Illustrator**

*February 2010–Present*

As illustrator, animator and graphic designer, I aided in the development of three award-winning educational computer games from concept to completion. Since then, I have continued to work with SRM as a contract illustrator and animator for projects with various clients in educational publishing.

### **The Game Show Network** **Game Artist**

*September 2010–July 2011*

As the sole game artist I supported the development of many casual Flash game titles, both original and licensed, with my duties ranging from concept artist to web designer.

### **Studio Cypher** **Art Director/Lead Artist**

*February–May 2011*

I oversaw the visual conception, branding and asset creation of a Facebook game for the Indianapolis Zoo, including management of contracted artists, to raise awareness and funds for their new Siberian tiger exhibit.

### **Bread Web Services** **Vector Illustrator**

*Fall 2010*

I was contracted to illustrate a series of character and ornamental illustrations for a set of holiday wish list iOS apps. In the winter of 2011, Apple used the icon of Santa's Wish List (featuring my work) as a decoration in their stores across the country.

### **Portland Flower Show** **Web Designer**

*November 2008–Present*

For the past four years I have been the web designer for northern New England's only flower show in Portland, Maine.

## SUMMARY

I have worked as an illustrator, animator and graphic designer since 2006. I am currently writing and illustrating my first book, *Under the Apple Tree*, and my graphic novel work is represented by *Killing the Grizzly* literary agency.

## EDUCATION

**Harvard University Extension School**  
ALB Humanities, Visual Arts Candidate

**Southern Maine Community College**  
AAS New Media Studies

**Maine College of Art**  
Foundations, Fine Art & Illustration

**Heartwood College of Art**  
Summer Studies, Fine Arts

**Grub Street**  
Writing Workshops

## CLIENT LIST

The Game Show Network  
Six Red Marbles  
Natron Baxter  
SuperBetter.Us  
Studio Cypher  
Disruptor Beam  
Harvard Law School  
Portland Flower Show  
Dark Valentine Magazine  
Bread Web Services  
Griffith Technology  
Briggs Advertising  
Loyal Citizen Clothing  
Cold River Vodka  
& many more.

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## HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### House of Two Urns

#### Artist Residence

January 2012

I was awarded an artist fellowship in Chicago to focus on research for future works and practice experimental cartooning.

### Killing the Grizzly Literary Agency

#### Representation

April–September 2011

I was acquired for agent representation of my graphic novel work.

### Lora Innes, Paper Wings Podcast

#### Apprentice

April–September 2011

As an apprentice for award-winning cartoonist of IDW's *The Dreamer*, I gained further understanding of the comics industry and improved my own skills by assisting her in drawing page layouts for her published books, offering graphic design skills and writing blog posts for the grand opening of [paperwingspodcast.com](http://paperwingspodcast.com) with Chris Oatley, visual development artist at Disney.

### Molly Ockett Middle School

#### Author-in-Residence

October 2010–January 2011

I worked with struggling students in language arts classes at the middle school in Fryeburg, Maine. We chose nonfiction subjects for research and turned our findings into informative comics, using that format instead of traditional papers to help the students find new motivation in their work.

### Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library

#### Guest Speaker

October 2010

To kick off my work with Molly Ockett, I was invited to speak about comic books in education in a forum with the community.

### The Art of Comics

#### Curator & Exhibitor

November 2010

I curated and exhibited in a show at Cinema Salem in Salem, MA.

### Salem Arts Association

#### Board Member, Secretary

Summer 2010

As a volunteer, I assisted in running the Salem Arts Association as a member of the board of directors. I took minutes at meetings, organized for the summer arts festival, and designed ads.

## IN THE NEWS

### York County Coast Star

December 29, 2011

Getting Graphic 'Under the Apple Tree'

### Boston Globe

October 21, 2011

Names: Checking in on some big...

### The Examiner

October 17, 2011

BPL's Writer-in-Residence

### Danvers Patch

June 2, 2011

Danvers Author Awarded Fellowship...

## SHOWS

### Maine Comic Arts Festival

May 2012 (Past: 2009, 2010)

### Massachusetts Indie Comics Expo

September 2011

## SKILLS

Traditional & digital illustration  
Website design & maintenance  
Flash animation  
Vector graphics  
HTML & CSS  
Graphic design  
Copywriting  
Cartooning