



## EMMA WALTON HAMILTON

[EMMA WALTON HAMILTON](#) is a best-selling children's book author, professional editor and arts educator. In partnership with her mother, actress/author **Julie Andrews**, Emma has co-authored seventeen children's books, four of which have been on the New York Times Bestseller list, including the [Dumpy the Dump Truck](#) series of picture books, board books and Early Readers, [Simeon's Gift](#), [The Great American Mousical](#), and [Thank to You – Wisdom from Mother and Child](#), a #1 New York Times Bestseller. Emma is also the Editorial Director for [The Julie Andrews Collection](#) publishing program ([www.julieandrewscollection.com](http://www.julieandrewscollection.com)), dedicated to providing quality books for young readers that nurture the imagination and celebrate a sense of wonder, where she has shepherded dozens of books through the publication process.

In 1991, Emma co-founded the [Bay Street Theatre](#) in Sag Harbor, New York, and served as the Theatre's Director of Education and Programming for Young Audiences until 2008, creating and managing the Theatre's unique education and performance programs for young audiences. She continues to act as Education Consultant for the theatre. Recently, Emma and her mother completed the libretto for the stage adaptation of SIMEON'S GIFT, which was produced at Bay Street in the fall of 2007 and as part of JULIE ANDREWS' THE GIFT OF MUSIC, a national symphonic tour, in 2008.

Emma has co-written lyrics for several songs, including "*The Show Must Go On*," recorded by Julie Andrews, and "*On My Way*," recorded by the Parents Choice Award-winning band

Laughing Pizza. Several selections of Emma's poetry will be featured in the upcoming anthology JULIE ANDREWS' COLLECTION OF POEMS, SONGS AND LULLABIES, to be published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers in Fall 2009.

Emma also works as a freelance children's book editor, and writes articles for magazines, newspapers, ezines and periodicals. She speaks regularly to schools, libraries, arts organizations and other groups about the value of, and synergy between, the arts and literacy.

Emma is a member of the Author's Guild, The Dramatists' Guild, The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the International Reading Association, The Editorial Freelancers Association, IPAY (International Performing Arts for Youth), SAG, AEA, AFTRA and ASCAP. She has served on the theater panel for the New York State Council on the Arts, was an ambassador for the 2008 Broadway League's "Kids Night on Broadway" and a trustee for the former Morriss Center School in Bridgehampton, NY. She lives in Sag Harbor, NY, with her husband, producer/actor [Stephen Hamilton](#) and their two children, Sam and Hope – all of whom love to read.

Her latest book, [RAISING BOOKWORMS: Getting Kids Reading for Pleasure and Empowerment](#) will be published by Beech Tree Books in the Fall of 2008.

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