

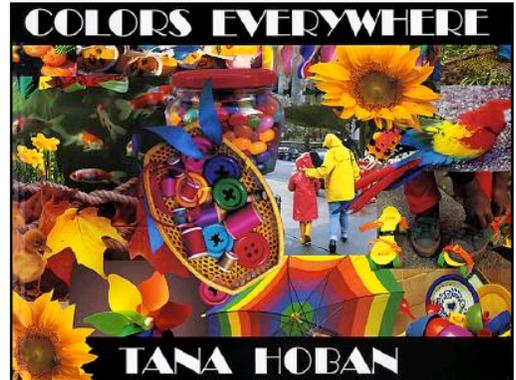
# Tana Hoban



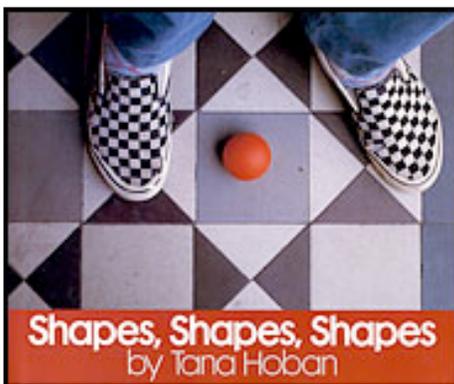
Tana Hoban (1917-2006) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was convinced she would become an illustrator; that changed when she discovered photography upon attending the School of Design for Women. She graduated in 1938. After graduating, she worked as a freelance graphic artist and illustrator. Her pictures appeared in Life, Look, McCall's and other magazines in the 1940s.

Hoban did not publish her first children's book until 1970, with Shapes and Things. Since then, Hoban published more than 50 books. More than 2 million copies of her books have been sold worldwide!

*"I try in my books to catch a fleeting moment and an emotion in a way that touches children and makes them want to respond... I try to say, 'Look!' There are shapes here and everywhere, things to count, colors to see and always, surprises."*



## Book Titles



Shapes and Things

Take Another Look

Colors Everywhere

Is It Larger? Is It Smaller?

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes

Cubes, Cones, Cylinders and Spheres

Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue?

Round and Round and Round

26 Letters and 99 Cents

Look Again!

Of Colors and Things

For more information on children's books, check out Sue Fisher's blog:  
<http://www.mousetrapsandthemoon.blogspot.com/>.

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