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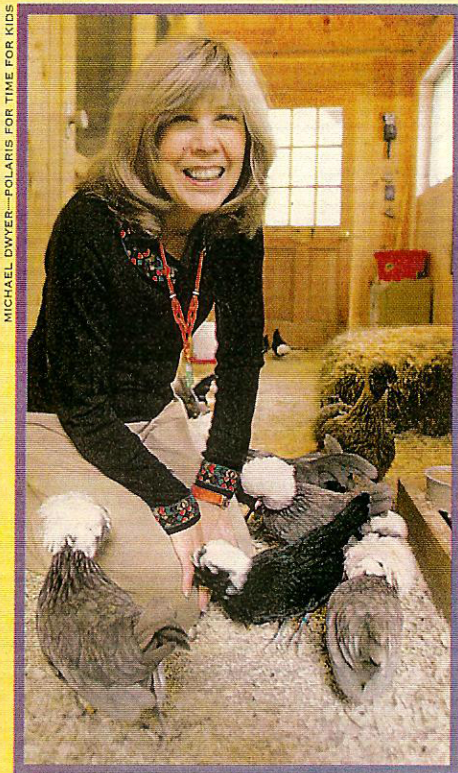
Jan Brett has written and illustrated more than 30 books. It takes hard work to make each one. See how she does it.

# By the Book

Jan Brett loves to draw. When Jan was a child, she wanted to be an illustrator. Today, Jan is a writer and an illustrator. This is how she works.



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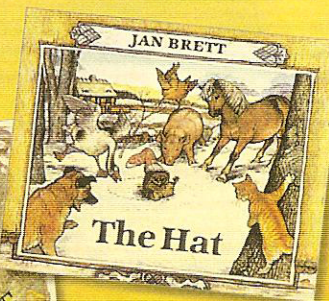
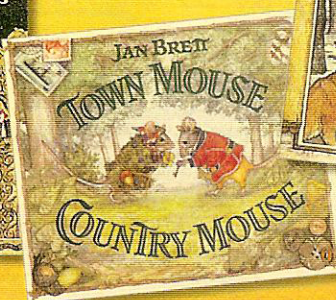
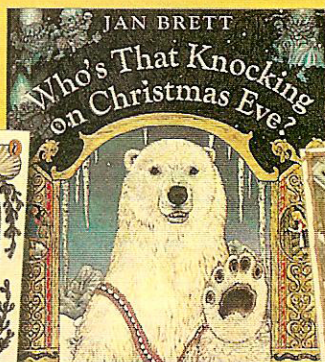
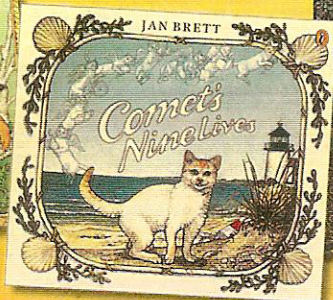
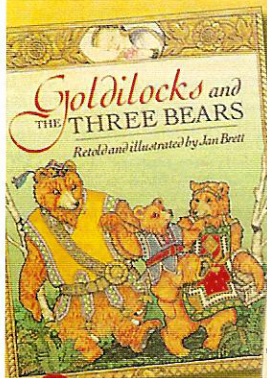


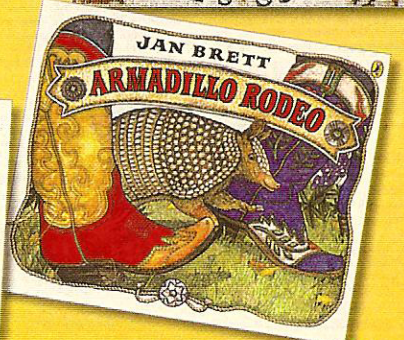
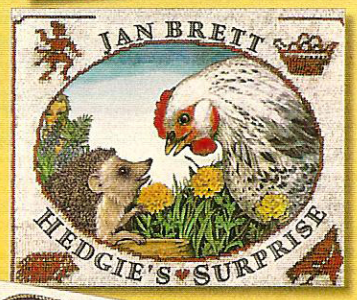
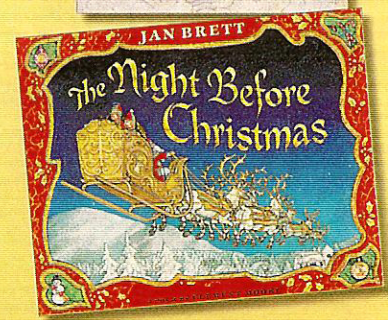
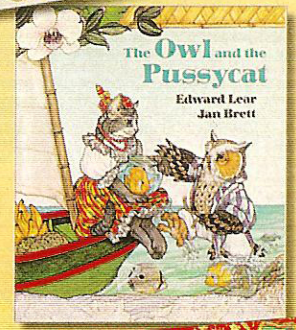
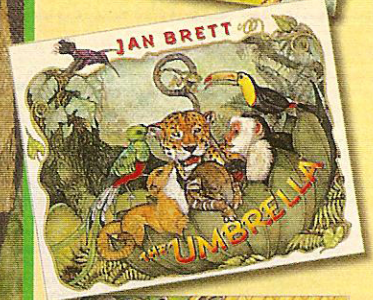
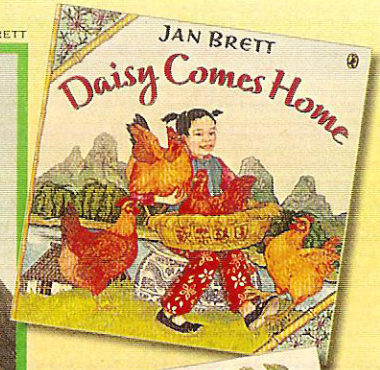
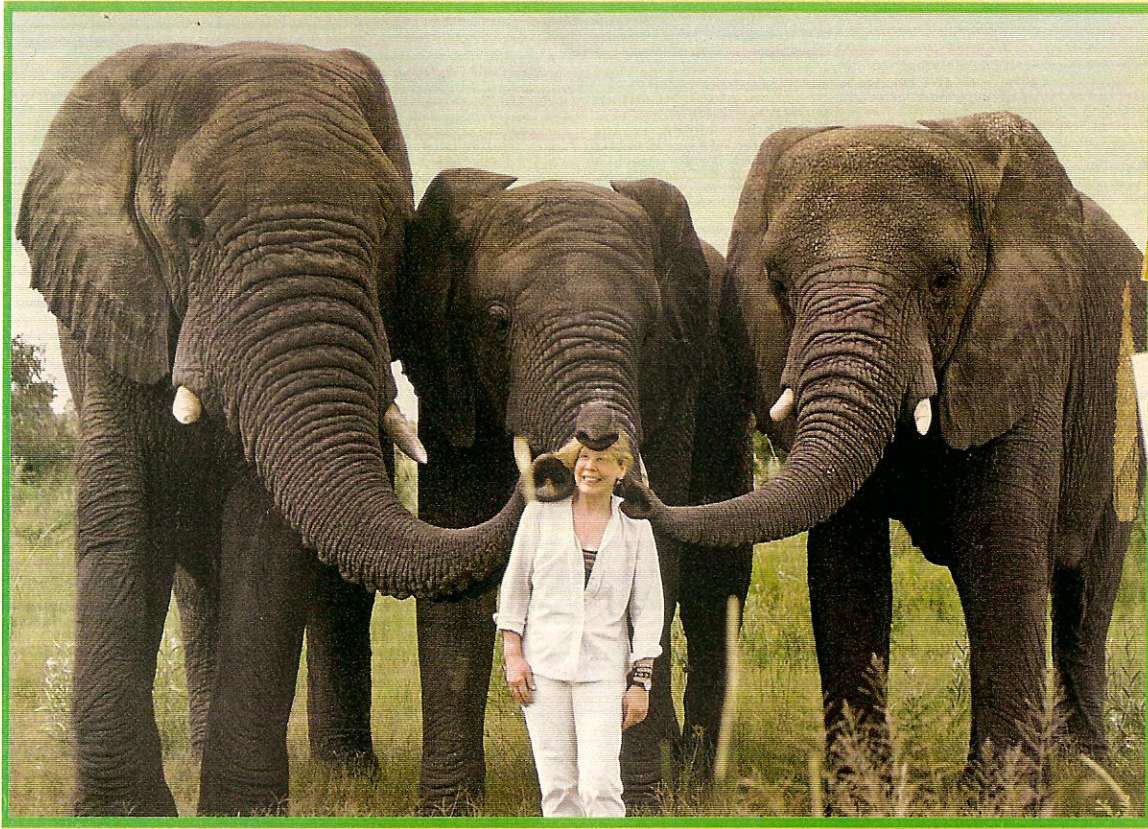
**First, she writes the story.**

Jan got the idea for *Daisy Comes Home* from her pet chickens.

**Next, she studies.**

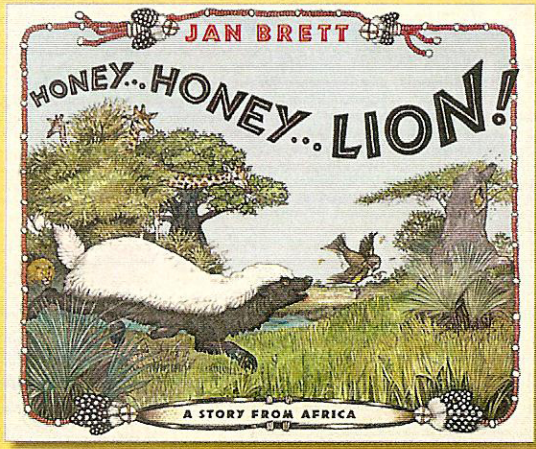
*Daisy Comes Home* is set in China. Jan went to China to learn about the country. "I like to do the research," Jan says.





Then, she does the illustrations.

The cover is important, Jan says. "It's the reason people open the book." Her new book takes place in Botswana. What animals do you think Jan saw?



Finally, the book is ready. Making each book takes about a year. Which ones have you read?

