Get to Know Jan Brett

Do you know Jan Brett? You might have read one of her books. She has written and illustrated a lot of them!

When Jan was older, she went to art school. She loved to walk around the art museum near her school. She would stare at the pictures there.

Here is Jan when she was in art school.
When Jan was a little girl, she loved to draw. She also loved to read books. She wanted to be an illustrator when she grew up.

Fun Fact!
When Jan was little, one of her favorite characters in a book was a hedgehog named Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle. Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle was in a book by Beatrix Potter.

Soon, Jan began to draw and write children’s books. Traveling helped her write about different places. For one book, Jan went to Africa. She learned how to draw elephants there.
Jan has worked on 33 books. Her newest one is about a little girl and three polar bears. Jan already has ideas about the books she will write next!

Find It!
You learned that one of Jan’s favorite characters when she was little was a hedgehog. Do you see a book about a hedgehog?

It takes Jan about a year to do each book. She makes a draft of each page. She thinks about how to make it better. The finished art is always a little different from the draft.
Now, Jan is famous. People all across the country want to meet her. Jan takes a big **road** trip each year to meet her fans. For each trip, her bus gets decorated with art from her newest book!