Three flights of stairs create a tower leading to a cozy room with a wonderful view of the backyard. The chandelier, made from naturally shed mule deer antlers, adds a magical feel to the space.

details in my drawings that readers may not even recognize or know about, but that nonetheless make them feel that they can walk right onto the page.”

Ultimately, their home reflects Jan’s ongoing explorations—of her world, of her past, of her art. “I tell both kids and adults to create the mental space for their art by listening to their muse, that quiet voice that points you in a certain direction, that says draw this, or write this, not that,” Jan explains. “For me, it’s the same as listening to my six-year-old self, who sits on my shoulder. The beauty of art is that it lets individuality flower—whatever you create is something only you could have made.”

“Jan’s business is to create,” adds Joe. “She gets endless ideas from a place I call ‘Jan-Land.’” If Jan’s enchanting books and home are any indication, Jan-Land is a magical place indeed.

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