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Nice to meet you!
My name is *Lynn Gaines*

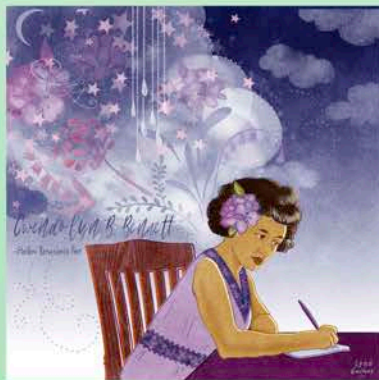
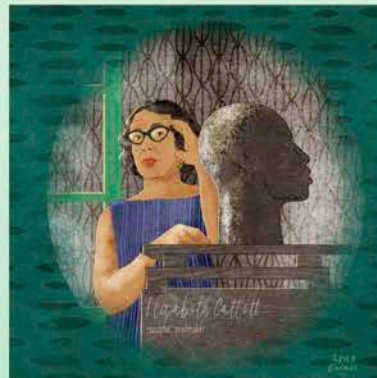
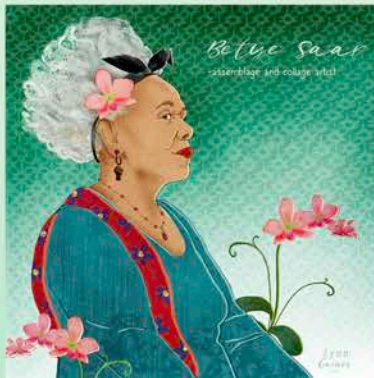
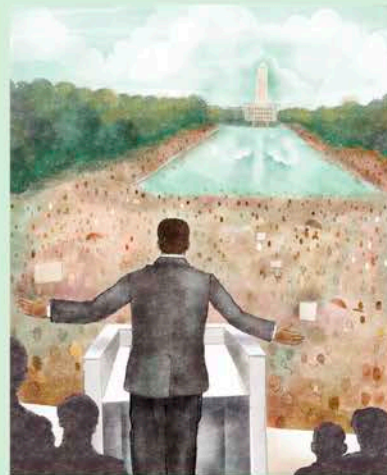
I love creating cute characters of all kinds!



You know what else?



I have a more serious side too...



dream projects

-Writing **and** illustrating my first picture book!

I'm working on a manuscript book about my ancestry and legacy on my mom's side – there were a string of women creatives in her family. that feed into the woman and artist I am today.

-Illustrating a set **a** of cute prints for a fabric collection for baby.



a series of cards i did for American Greetings



-A series of greeting cards for Trader Joes!

(I worked for American Greetings for 30 years I have some experience there 😊)

-Package and product design for kids products

trinket box idea



How I work

For a spread

1st idea sketch

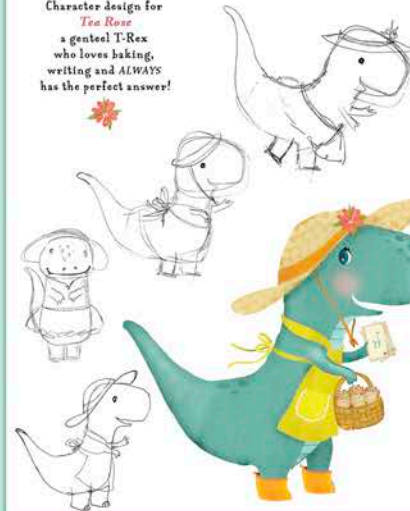


2nd sketch



Final art

Character design for
Tea Rose
a gentle T-Rex
who loves baking,
writing and ALWAYS
has the perfect answer!



Character Development for
Charlie the Mole
a sweet, inquisitive little one
with a love of nature,
discovering his 1st garden.



Character Development- Stella

1st



2nd



3rd



4th



Final
Art



Color
Study

For character development:

- a quick sketch that captures the emotion or feeling.
- I refine that initial sketch based on the age/look I'm going for.
- I render the final character with color- refining as I go.

A little bit about me

What inspires me.

-I collect books--especially children's books. I have 1900+ books from vintage artists like Alice and Martin Provensen and Mary Blair to modern day artists like Vanessa Newton, Maribel Lechuga and many more.

-I also collect other art books, animation books and books on Japanese felt crafts. They are my inspiration when I am in the mood to whip up a few felt friends.

-I LOVE research! I am always looking at illustration trends (I'm a bit of an illustration nerd). I've also developed a new love of historical research also.

-My mom always encouraged me in my art journey, being an artist herself. She gave me a copy of the Illustrators 19 (the Society of Illustrators annual) and I knew from then on, I wanted to be a full time illustrator. She also gave me my 1st set of colored pencils and watercolors!

A description of my style and process.

-I love to work digitally with a traditional feel. Painted textures and mark making in Acryla gouache, pencils, ink and brush pens! Best of both worlds IMO.

-I tend to sketch out my ideas on tracing paper, scan them, bring them into Photoshop and paint them with digital magic using brushes and sometimes scanned in textures. That helps retain a hand drawn feel.

-I also like playing with Procreate doing lettering, and I'm exploring making art with it also!

Favorite color combo right now.

-too many to count!

What I do in my down time.

-I like to sew and make toys, roller skate every Monday and I love to bake!

What are some common themes I like to explore in my art?

-I love a ton of details, friendship, secrets, memories, and food.

Why are picture books important to me?

Picture books are among some of the 1st "friends" a child has. Picture books meet us wherever we are, and they invite us in to join in the adventures, ideas and knowledge they offer.

Books I've worked on

