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Ronni Diamondstein spent her life surrounded by books and immersed in the world of children's literature. An avid reader since childhood, libraries, books, and writing are her life's work. As a school library media specialist and teacher of gifted and talented students in the U.S. and abroad, Ronni nurtured her students' creativity by sharing her love of reading with them. Ronni is a graduate of Syracuse University. She attended Bread Loaf Writers Conference and led writing workshops and open mics to encourage people of all ages to tell their stories. Ronni served on the Board of the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival and is a past President of the Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees. *Jackie and the Books She Loved* is her debut picture book. Ronni lives in Chappaqua, New York with her toy poodle, Maggie Mae.

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Ronni Diamondstein is a children's book author, journalist, award-winning photographer and retired school library media and teacher of gifted and talented students in the U.S. and abroad. An avid reader since childhood, libraries, books, and writing are her life's work. Ronni immersed herself in the world of children's literature and nurtured her students' creativity by sharing her love of books. Ronni grew up reading and writing stories and creating writing opportunities for herself. In high school, Ronni successfully pitched a column for the school newspaper, so she had a voice. Many years later, she gave a voice to her toy poodle by creating the Maggie Mae Pup Reporter column in a local magazine, writing from a dog's point of view that developed into a blog. Ronni took pride in her collection development, as she enriched the lives of her students with extraordinary books, both fiction and nonfiction, that she read and recommended to them. Ronni once lived in a building in Rotterdam, the Netherlands called the "The Pencil," the perfect place for a writer! Ronni's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *WAG Magazine*, *Inside Chappaqua* magazine, *U.S.A. Trade Today*, *Window on the Netherlands*, *EuroHolland Magazine* and *Women's News*. She is a graduate of Syracuse University, attended Bread Loaf Writers Conference and led writing workshops and open mics to encourage people of all ages to tell their stories. Ronni served on the Board of the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival and is a Past President of the Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees. *Jackie and the Books She Loved* is her debut picture book. She lives in Chappaqua, New York with her toy poodle, Maggie Mae.