



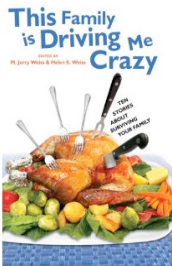
**Jerry Weiss**

Dr. M. Jerry Weiss, Distinguished Professor of Communications Emeritus at New Jersey City University is a nationally recognized expert on children's and adolescent literature and a pioneer in the area of Whole Language. He taught at NJCU for more than thirty years before retiring in 1994.

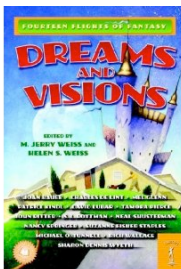
Dr. Weiss has been awarded the International Reading Association's Arbuthnot Award, as well IRA's prestigious Special Service Award. He has also been honored with distinguished service awards from the College Reading Association, the New Jersey Reading Association, and the Assembly of Children's Literature (NCTE) among others.

In addition to the many professional articles and books he has written, he has also edited numerous story anthologies for young readers, most recently working with his wife, Helen.

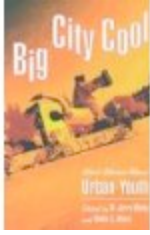
## **Selected Bibliography**



*This Family is Driving Me Crazy: Ten Stories About Surviving Your Family* (2009). Includes stories by David Lubar, Joan Bauer, Mel Glenn, Jack Gantos and others.



*Dreams and Visions: Fourteen Flights of Fancy* (2006). A collection of young adult stories including stories by Nancy Springer, Tamora Pierce, Neal Shusterman, Suzanne Fisher Staples, and others.



*Big City Cool: Short Stories About Youth* (2002). Growing up in the city is the focus of this collection of fourteen original and previously published stories for teens. Amy Tan, Walter Dean Myers, and John Ritter are among the contributors.

### Links of Interest

- <http://web.njcu.edu/programs/mjwc/Content/default.asp>  
Jerry Weiss's web site for his Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature, New Jersey City University.
- <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/v31n1/blasingame.html>  
An article about Jerry Weiss, written by Jim Blasingame, on the occasion of Weiss being given the Ted Hipple Award, for his service to the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

**Jerry Weiss is a member of USBBY. [Why not join him?](#)**



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