

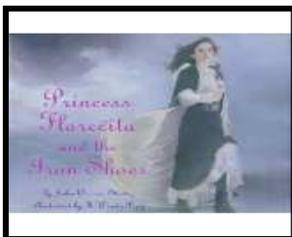
**John Stewig**

John Warren Stewig is the Director of the Center for Children's Literature at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he also serves as a professor of Education. He has written 12 picture books for children, most recently *Nobody Asked the Pea* to be published in 2013.

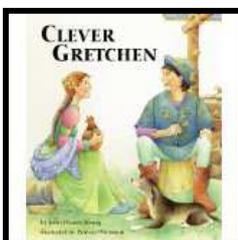
He presided as chairman of the 1998 Caldecott Award Committee of the American Library Association; the Caldecott Medal is the highest award for children's book illustration in the United States. Additionally, he has served on the Sibert Committee of the ALA, which gives an annual award for the most distinguished information book of the year, and on the Medallion Committee of the University of Southern Mississippi, to award an author for a body of work.

Stewig's picture books include non-fiction, original stories from his childhood, and an alphabet book, but he is mostly known for his retellings of traditional folk and fairy tales from many cultures. He received an Aesop Honor designation from the American Folklore Society for his book, *Princess Florecita and the Iron Shoes: A Spanish Fairy Tale*.

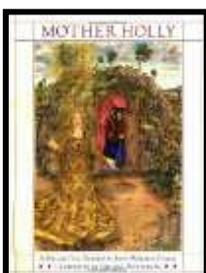
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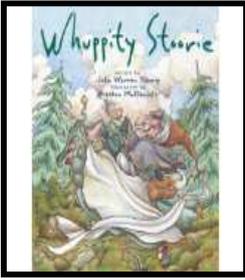
*Princess Florecita and the Iron Shoes* (1995) A retelling of a Spanish fairy tale and a brave princess's quest to save a sleeping prince.



*Clever Gretchen* (2000). Poor Hans marries the mayor's daughter after promising that in seven years he will go off with an evil dwarf unless he is able to pose a question the dwarf cannot answer.



*Mother Holly* (2001). a faithful retelling of the Grimm tale featuring the sisters, one kind, the other mean and lazy, who visit Mother Holly and receive vastly different recompense for their efforts while in her employ.



*Whuppity Stoorie* (2004). In order to cure her ailing pig, an Irish widow agrees to give a strange woman whatever she wants and then the widow must guess the woman's name or give up her baby.

### Links of Interest

- <http://www3.carthage.edu/childliture>  
Carthage College Center for Children's Literature Web site
- <http://texassweethearts.blogspot.com/2011/09/featured-sweetheart-john-stewig.html>  
An interview with John Stewig
- <http://biography.jrank.org/pages/1763/Stewig-John-Warren-1937.html>  
Information about Stewig's life and work

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