



**Leonard Marcus**

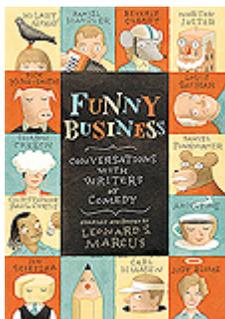
Leonard Marcus has written many award-winning books about children's literature, earning him recognition as a scholar in the field. He is a highly sought-after speaker and has been a featured guest on NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Talk of the Nation*, as well as presenting at numerous conferences, symposiums, and book festivals.

His book reviews have appeared in every issue of *Parenting Magazine* for more than 20 years, and he regularly reviews for the *New York Times*. Marcus also writes "Sight Reading," a regular column about illustrated books for *the Horn Book Review*.

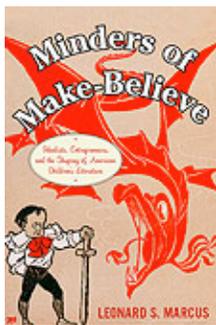
Marcus has served as curator for exhibitions on children's books and their illustration for the [Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art](#) where he is a founding trustee; he also serves on the [Mazza Museum's](#) national advisory board.

Marcus holds a degree in history from Yale and in creative writing (poetry) from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. In 2007, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Bank Street College of Education. He and his wife, the picture book author and illustrator, Amy Schwartz, live in Brooklyn with their son Jacob.

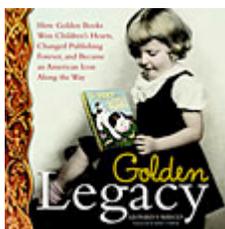
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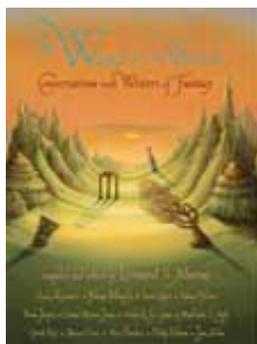
*Funny Business: Conversations with Writers of Comedy* (2009). Thirteen well-loved comic writers tell how they found their funny bones, their voices, and themselves. Leonard talks with authors such as Judy Blume, Jon Scieszka, Louis Sachar, and Beverly Cleary



*Minders of Make-Believe: Idealists, Entrepreneurs, and the Shaping of American Children's Literature* (2008). The first-ever history of America's children book publishing from colonial times to Harry Potter.



*Golden Legacy: How Golden Books Won Children's Hearts, Changed Publishing Forever, and Became an American Icon Along the Way* (2007). This lavishly illustrated book tells the fascinating story of the creation, marketing, and worldwide impact on the most popular children's books of all time.



*The Wand and the Wizard: Conversations with Writers of Fantasy* (2006). "An essential volume for fantasy fans of all ages," wrote School Library Journal in a starred review.

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