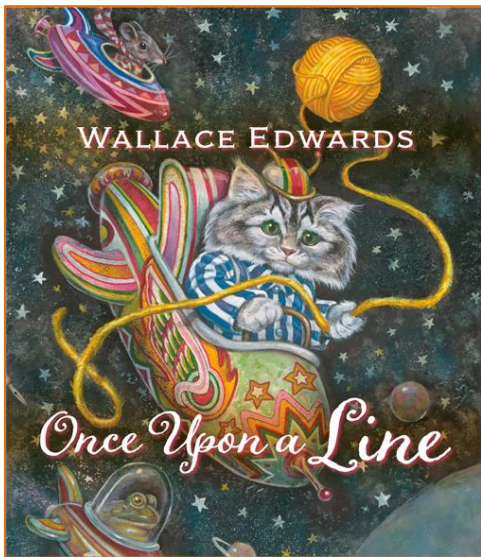


# SPOTLIGHT REVIEW



I've heard other authors bristle when asked that cliché question for the umpteenth time, "where do you get your ideas?"

Award-winning children's author/illustrator Wallace Edwards, however, has built an entire book around that question. Of course, his answer is a little tongue-in-cheek—there's a magic pen involved—but his younger readers will get his real answer: imagination.

On each page, Edwards draws a simple line and from there creates a fantastical picture around it. Anthropomorphic animals, mythological creatures, and general silliness combine to give a visual delight with a classic look. Beneath each image are the beginnings of various stories:

Once upon a line, Mr. Wolf was about to give up searching for his pet duck when...

Children are to use their imaginations to finish each story. These prompts make the book a wonderful addition to any classroom or a child's home collection.

Additional treats include eye-spy features. See if you can find the line that started the painting on each page, or slightly less challenging, the magic pen.

Wallace Edwards will be visiting Yellowknife from February 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, visiting local schools and presenting for children from kindergarten to grade 8 in the Library Meeting Room on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 as part of Take Your Child to the Library Day. This author visit is made possible thanks to the Canada Council for the Arts and Coast Fraser Tower.

- John Mutford, Public Services Librarian