

# Author JoAnn Wagner Biography:

## Short Bio:

JoAnn Wagner is the creative mind behind the “Sir Pigglesworth® Adventure Series,” and is known for her engaging storytelling via a cute and vivacious globe-trotting pig. Wagner's work has earned her the Royal Dragonfly Awards for Children’s Chapter Series, the Pinnacle Book Achievement award, and a NABE award for bilingual publishing. She lives with her husband in Mesquite TX, a suburb of Dallas.

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## Medium Bio:

JoAnn Wagner, the imaginative force behind the acclaimed Sir Pigglesworth Adventure Series, has crafted a world of fun and adventure that captivates young readers globally. Since Sir Pigglesworth's debut in 2014, JoAnn's nine published books have garnered prestigious accolades including the Royal Dragonfly Awards, the Texas Authors Association Award, and a notable feature in Story Monsters Ink magazine.

Her books, in English and Spanish, have earned JoAnn an esteemed place as a sought-after guest for school readings and radio interviews. She conducts writing workshops for young authors and is a proud member of various literary organizations. An avid reader, passionate cook, travel enthusiast, and family centered, JoAnn's multifaceted life enriches her storytelling.

With an upcoming adventure to London, followed by a dude ranch escapade, Sir Pigglesworth's journeys are far from over. All of the books are available via Amazon print-on-demand.

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## Long Bio:

JoAnn Wagner is the award-winning creative author behind the enchanting Sir Pigglesworth Adventure Series for children. The lovable piglet known as Sir Pigglesworth burst onto the scene in September 2014 with a bubbling charm that has been captivating young readers worldwide ever since. With nine exciting adventures published so far, JoAnn’s exceptional series has won

multiple honors including the Royal Dragonfly Awards for Children's Chapter Series (2016) and the Texas Authors Association Award for Children's Series (2017). In fact, Book 8 earned the Pinnacle Book Achievement award just two weeks after its release! And in 2016, her creativity and success were acknowledged in a four-page feature in the December issue of Story Monsters Ink magazine.

JoAnn's storytelling magic transcends borders – all of her books are now available in Spanish, winning the Texas Authors Association Award for Spanish Children's Series in 2018 – and she is currently having the books translated into other languages as well. JoAnn's charisma and passion for children's literature have made her a popular figure for radio interviews, and a sought-after guest for schools, churches, daycare centers, and libraries. JoAnn delights children with her lively book readings.

JoAnn also conducts workshops to inspire and guide middle school children in their writing journey and often shares her author experiences with diverse audiences, including the Altrusa International service group. An active participant in the literary world, JoAnn maintains membership in the Texas Authors Association, AuthorYou organization, National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), and the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She is also looking forward to eventually bringing Sir Pigglesworth's adventures to the small screen.

Outside of her writing, JoAnn spends time with a large family including 5 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Born in New York, JoAnn's heart was quickly won over by Texas, where she ultimately spent 30 years working in the Dallas medical community, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. JoAnn retired from her career in medicine to embrace her author journey fully.

JoAnn's remarkable journey as an author began in May 2014 when her pastor shared a pink flying-pig stress ball with the church members. Rather than posting her own vacation photos, JoAnn started sharing images of people she met, matched with fun-filled quotes featuring the piglet she had dubbed "Sir Pigglesworth." It wasn't long before her friends and their children eagerly awaited the next episode of his adventures – and a star was born!

In her down time, JoAnn enjoys a good read across all genres, trying out new recipes on her dinner guests, playing with her grandchildren, hosting game nights, and traveling. She's a passionate cook whose culinary skills keep her friends coming back for more, and a self-proclaimed bookworm. Even her treadmill time is a chance to delve into a good book!

JoAnn and her charming piglet, Sir Pigglesworth, still have a full itinerary of thrilling adventures and global travels ahead. In the upcoming tenth Book, she plans to take the English-born Sir Pigglesworth to his homeland of London where he helps Scotland Yard solve a mystery. And in Book 11, our playful friend enjoys a romp on a dude ranch, promising all kinds of mischief!

JoAnn's vibrant series is currently available in print-on-demand via Amazon, in English and Spanish, with more languages to come. Offering readers worldwide a chance to join Sir Pigglesworth's on his exciting escapades.

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## Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me:

1. There was always sand between the pages of my schoolbooks because I lived in Puerto Rico as a pre-teen and did my homework on the beach every day – and had a killer tan!
2. I won an award in 5<sup>th</sup> grade for being the only one in the class to be able to recite the entire Catechism from front to back and back to front in correct order...(if only my memory were that good today!)
3. My family went to the airport see the Blue Angels perform and I ended up in a picture on the front page of the San Juan newspaper in 1964 because I ran out from behind the police barriers onto the tarmac so I could get an autograph from the pilots. No clue where the autograph is today.
4. I've become adventurous in my 'golden years' and have zip-lined across the Caribbean Sea in Haiti, braved indoor sky diving (I WILL jump from a plane one day!), kissed a stingray in Grand Cayman, took to the skies on a hot air balloon ride in Albuquerque and parasailed in Jamaica recently. I'm trying hard to rival Sir Pigglesworth – he keeps me on my toes!
5. I'm a diehard fan of the Dallas Cowboys and in past years have gone to Cowboys Stadium just so I could 'breathe the same air as Emmitt Smith'!
6. More than 30 years ago, I had an impromptu singing session performing backup with Dionne Warwick in the ladies restroom at Kennedy Airport. Apparently she wasn't impressed...she didn't hire me!

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