

# A New Friend For Me







# Meet the Twin Sisters®

Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand and Kim Mitzo Thompson have been children's authors and record producers for over 30 years. Known as the Twin Sisters®, the duo have written thousands of products for children including over 3,300 songs, 550 digital albums, 250 e-books, 550 teacher resources, 15 apps, and hundreds of books and more!

Karen graduated from Purdue University with an Industrial

Engineering degree and is an avid scuba diver who also enjoys singing, cooking, and volunteering.

Kim graduated from The University of Akron with a Master's Degree in "Integrating the Arts in the Elementary School Curriculum." Her teaching degree has allowed her to create educational and inspirational products for children worldwide. Kim enjoys sports, writing books for children, and cooking. Besides being authors, the fraternal twins run Twin Sisters® Digital Media, focused on digital distribution of all their music and book products.

## Accomplishments

- RIAA Certified Recipient of a Platinum Album for "Nature Sounds" signifying sales of over 1,000,000 units sold (Now with sales of over 2 million albums).
- RIAA Certified Recipient of 9 Gold Albums for "Nature Sounds," "Phonics," "Classical Music," "102 Children's Songs," "Traditional Lullabies," "Christmas Jazz," "Christmas Memories," "Acoustic Christmas," and "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" signifying sales of over 500,000 units per title.
- Recipient of over 170 National Awards for educational excellence, creativity, play value, and classroom and family fun—*National Parenting Publications Award*, *Dr. Toy's Best Children's Products*, *Learning Magazine's Teacher Choice Award*, *The National Parenting Center Seal of Approval*, *iParenting Media Award*, *Parent's Guide Children's Media Award*, *Children's Music Web Awards*, *Film Advisory Board Award Of Excellence*, *Museum Store Association Buyer's Choice*, *American Bookseller's Pick Of The Lists*, *United States Commerce and Trade Research Institute's Excellence Award for Media Internet*, and more.
- Voting Member of NARAS - Grammy Awards for 25 years.
- Sales of over 50 million albums.



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There's a new kid in my class.  
He's really cool.  
He wears sunglasses  
and has four names.









On Monday  
we went on a nature walk.  
Everybody found leaves and acorns...







**except the new kid.**





He found a giant mastodon bone.







On Tuesday  
we played in the sandbox.  
Everybody made mountains and dug tunnels...



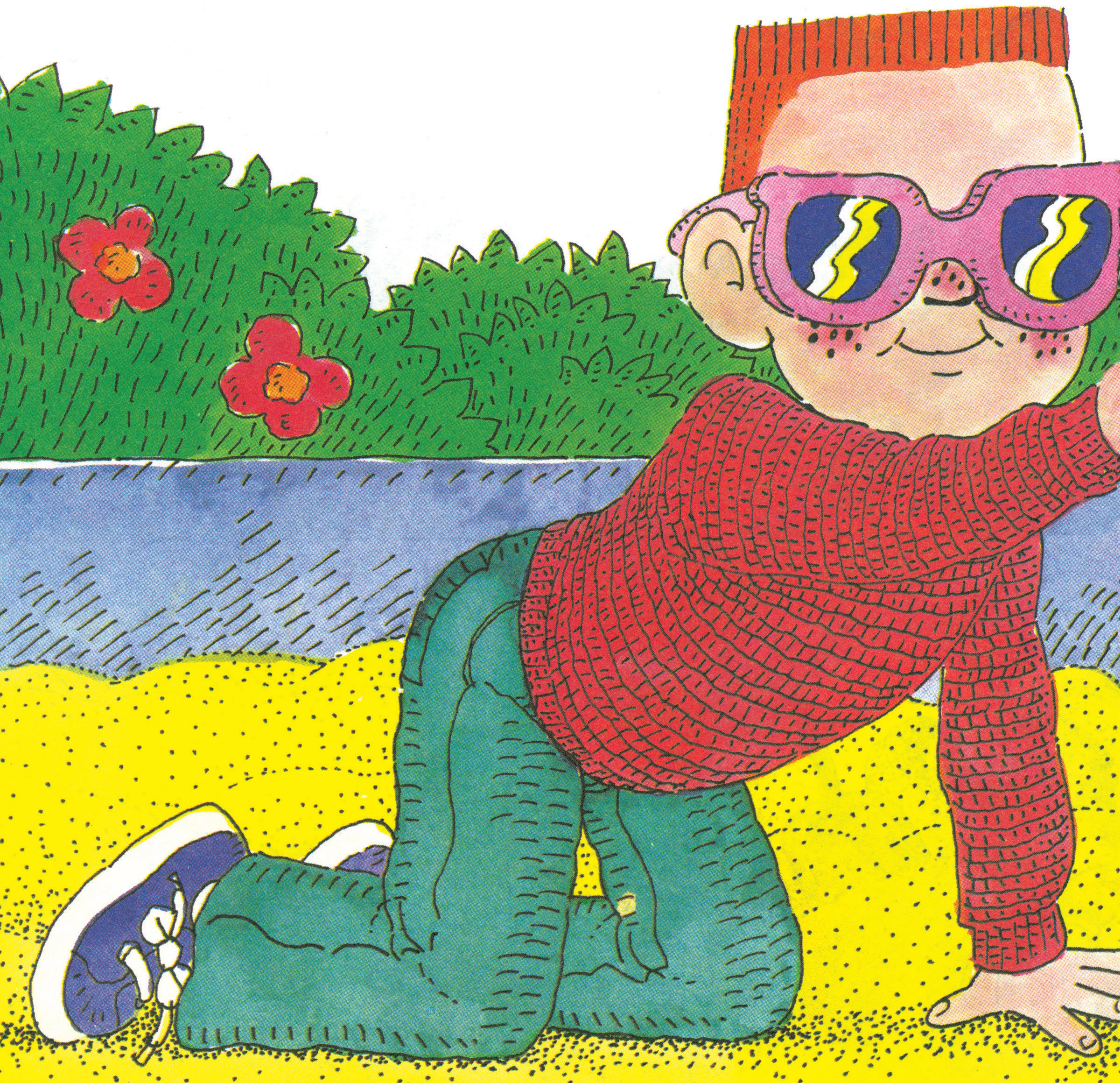


except the new kid.





He built a giant castle with six tall towers.









On Wednesday  
we blew bubbles.  
Everybody made lots and lots of little bubbles...





except the new kid.





He made one great, big bubble  
and stepped right inside.









On Thursday  
we drew pictures on the sidewalk.  
Everybody drew funny faces...





except the new kid.





He drew a purple and green Stegosaurus  
as big as the whole playground.









On Friday  
it was show and tell.  
I had my pet snake.  
It was in a box, but it got out.

Everybody screamed...





except the new kid.





He thought my snake was great!









Now the new kid's my new friend.







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