

## Author Wendy McLeod MacKnight

### Short Bio:

Wendy McLeod MacKnight is the former deputy minister of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education in New Brunswick. She grew up in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada with her own Ralph and Pig Face. She now lives in Hanwell, New Brunswick. It's a Mystery, Pig Face! Is her debut novel. Her second, untitled, middle grade novel will be published by Greenwillow Books in winter 2018.

### Longer Bio:

Wendy McLeod MacKnight wrote her first novel when she was nine-years-old. Her entire life she wanted to be a children's book author, but kept getting sidetracked by her work for the Government of New Brunswick, where she held various posts, including Director of Early Childhood Services, Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for children's programs, senior's programs, child welfare programs, housing and low income programs. After serving as the Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, she decided it was now or never. She left her position and began work on It's a Mystery, Pig Face!, which is a love letter to the town where she grew up, St. Stephen, New Brunswick. Married, she has a daughter and a son, a dog, three squirrels she has helped rescue who hang about, and a groundhog who lives under the gazebo. Besides writing and reading, Wendy loves cooking, Paris, New York City, gardening, New Brunswick, shoes, and most of all, her family. It's a Mystery, Pig Face! Is her debut novel. Her second, untitled, middle grade novel will be published by Greenwillow Books in winter 2018.