



# DIANE SCHOEMPERLEN

## CREATE MORE WORRY LESS: MY ADVENTURES IN COLLAGE

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Since the beginning of my writing life almost 40 years ago, I've been fascinated by the intersection of text and visual image. While it's true that every picture tells a story, it is also true that one thing leads to another. We have long had a tendency to keep individual art forms in their separate boxes, but it can be far more exciting and rewarding to let them get acquainted and play amongst themselves. My work in collage and story has evolved over decades, deepening my understanding of how creative work not only expresses and enlarges us, but how it can strengthen and sustain us too, even through a pandemic.

- Diane Schoemperlen

Born and raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Diane Schoemperlen is the author of fourteen books of fiction and non-fiction. Her illustrated collection, *Forms of Devotion: Stories and Pictures*, won the 1998 Governor General's Award for English Fiction. In 2007, she received the Marian Engel Award from The Writers' Trust of Canada, given to an exemplary female writer in mid-career. In 2014 her illustrated collection, *By the Book*, was longlisted for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. A *Toronto Star* review of her 2017 collection *First Things First: Early and Uncollected Stories* named her "one of our most interesting and iconoclastic writers." In 2017, Diane was the recipient of the Matt Cohen Award: In Celebration of a Writing Life from the Writers' Trust of Canada. In 2018, she was awarded the Molson Prize in Arts by the Canada Council for the Arts "in recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding contribution to the cultural and intellectual heritage of Canada." She has lived in Kingston since 1986.

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