



MEET THE AUTHORS

Hugh and Frances Keiser

Hugh and Frances Keiser, husband and wife, illustrator and author, help to educate young children on ways to aid our wildlife and environment. Their collaborative efforts resulted in the award-winning book series, *The Adventures of Pelican Pete*. Together they conduct interactive programs and presentations for schools, organizations, and libraries.

“Protecting our environment begins with a connection to nature.”

—Hugh & Frances Keiser

Hugh Keiser, graduate of The Cooper Union and founder of Keiser Associates, a New York City top-ten design firm, has been painting and drawing professionally for over forty years.

His exploration of computers as an art medium and the discovery of the lovable clown prince of birds—the brown pelican—led Hugh to create his popular children’s book illustrations.

He has received numerous awards for his work and is featured in many public and private collections around the world.

Frances Keiser, author and conservationist, has over thirty years experience working in the areas of wildlife preservation and early childhood education.

Her background, coupled with a lifetime of poetry writing and independent studies led Frances to craft her popular rhyming series and shed some light on current environmental concerns.

A master naturalist in coastal systems and a wildlife rescue volunteer, Frances is an environmental educator, workshop leader, and storyteller.

They live in St. Augustine, Florida with their two cats, Tina and Sparky, where they enjoy frequent visits from their eight grandchildren. Their home is surrounded by native gardens and habitats where wildlife abounds, children explore, and curious pelicans fly overhead.



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