

About the book

“All the strangeness at the Burrows farm did not go unnoticed” The Gopher in Farmer Burrows’ Field, page 12

Farmer Burrows is just an ordinary farmer with an ordinary farm until one day some interesting gophers move in. From then on, Farmer Burrows’ fields become extraordinary when the resident gophers begin stacking everything. The cows, chickens and even the tractors are stacked high into the sky, one on top of the other. This proves to be not only a strange sight to see, but a tricky situation for Farmer Burrows. Find out how Farmer Burrows deals with the stacking gophers and makes the most of his gopher problem.

In this delightfully funny story, author and illustrator **Mike Boldt** takes the old adage of *“if life gives you lemons, make lemonade”* and surprises everyone with the outcome. The setting was inspired by Mike’s childhood, growing up in rural Alberta and observing farm life. His captivating illustrations are both exciting and lush in colour and will appeal to children young and old who want to spend some great family time reading.

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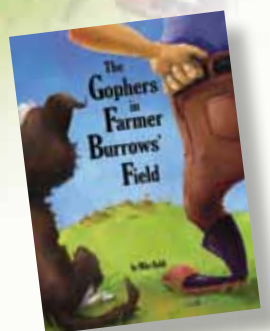
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About the Author/illustrator

"Then he noticed the problems his cows were having in the fields. Something had to be done. The gophers had to go." The Gophers in Farmer Burrows' Field, page 3

Mike Boldt has been creating most of his life. Inspired by the artwork of Bill Peet, he loved to write stories, especially the ones he could draw pictures for. His mom used to give him and his brother journals to write their ideas and stories in, and he would barely finish one story before something would give him an idea for the next. As he got older, Mike illustrated children's books for other writers, but had always dreamed of illustrating and writing his own books. *The Gopher in Farmer Burrows' Field* is that first of Mike's books that he wrote and illustrated.

Mike's parents encouraged him to follow his dreams, and ever since he was young he drew a lot, and everywhere he went. He is always thinking of his audience, hoping that his stories can bring them bits of inspiration to use their own imagination in life.



Mike grew up outside of Sherwood Park, Alberta, and after marrying his wife, they moved to the city of Spruce Grove where he now resides.

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Say What?? Some Feedback and Reviews

“The contrast between Boldt’s straightforward, tightly written text and his comical illustrations is what elevates *The Gophers in Farmer Burrows’ Field* to the “Highly Recommended” level. [SIC] an excellent home, school or public library purchase.”

- *Dave Jenkinson, CM’s editor, Canadian Review of Materials*

“The library purchased a copy of “*The Gophers in Farmer Burrows’ Field*” and it was checked out within minutes of being catalogued and put on the shelf. It is an excellent choice for interactive reading aloud, and provides many opportunities for fun activities to compliment the story. I feel that this book should be part of every library collection, and I will recommend it to anyone who likes to laugh.”

- *Shannon Clarke, Manager of Children and Youth Services
Spruce Grove Public Library*

“All the grades (K-4) enjoyed Mike Boldt’s presentation, from the book “*The Gophers in Farmer Burrow’s Field*” to drawing silly pictures on his “Stacktastic!”

- *Kathy Schoepp (Library Technician, Brookwood School)*

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