

# MOTHER NATURE NURSERY RHYMES

## BIOGRAPHIES

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### **Mindy Bingham**



Social entrepreneur and author, Mindy's titles have sold over two and a half million copies worldwide. She is the recipient of numerous national, regional, and local awards including a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for Innovative Approaches to Curricula by the United States Congress.

## **Penelope Colville Paine**



Creator and award-winning author of sixteen children's titles and a book shepherd and art director for many more, Penny holds a Fine Arts degree from Goldsmiths College, London. She moved to California in 1972 and worked for Girls Incorporated and as an independent state and national career education consultant.

## **Sandra Stryker**

Former Minnesota journalist, Sandy Stryker is the author, co-author, and editor of eighteen children's and young adult titles. Her children's picture book *Tonia the Tree* was awarded the Friends of American Writers Juvenile Book Merit Award and her work with the ground-breaking "Choices" series was recognized by many women's and educational programs.

## Itoko Maeno



A celebrated water colorist, Itoko has been a Teaching Artist with the Santa Barbara Museum of Art for over twenty years. She has also illustrated more than twenty picture books. Four of these have won national awards. *My Way Sally*, by Mindy Bingham and Penelope Paine, received the Benjamin Franklin Award for Best Picture Book. A world traveler, Itoko's international flair, attention to detail, and sense of fun add special charm to her work.