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## Shirley Raye Redmond

### FICTION

*Viper's Nest*, Pelican Ventures Book Group - Harbourlight Books

*Pigeon Hero!*, Simon Spotlight

*Richard Branson*, KidHaven

*Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President* (Step into Reading, Step 3), Random House

*Blind Tom*, Mountain Press Publishing

*The Alamo*, Aladdin

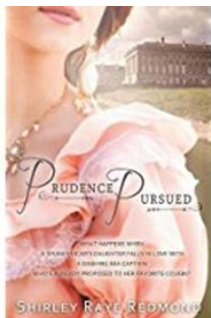
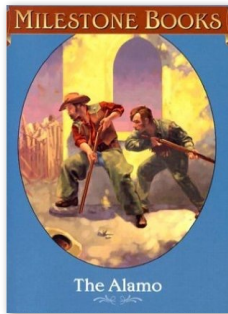
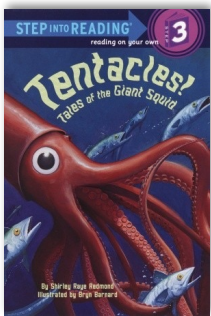
And many more.

Shirley Raye Redmond digs deep into women's history to find American heroines—mostly unfamiliar names— and presents them in a simple, dramatic fashion,” declared Kathleen Krull, noted author of the Lives of series about Redmond's Patriots in Petticoats: Heroines of the American Revolution. Redmond meticulously researched the book, hoping teachers would use it when introducing students to the American Revolution in social studies classes. The Random House Landmark title was named one of the best children's books of 2004 by the Bank Street College of Education in New York.

Ms. Redmond has three other Random House nonfiction titles, most recently, *Fairies: A True Story*. *Lewis & Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President* was a Children's Book of the Month Club selection. This title along with *Tentacles! Tales of the Giant Squid* have both sold nearly 300,000 copies. She has more than a dozen other titles released by Picture Window Books, Thomson Gale, and Simon & Schuster, including *Pigeon Hero!* which received an Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Book award in 2004.

Ms. Redmond has also sold more than 450 magazine articles, stories and essays to a wide variety of publications, including Highlights for Children, Guideposts for Kids, Seventeen, Parenting, Woman's Day, True West, Cosmopolitan, Home Life, and Mountain Living. She earned a master's degree in English Literature from the University of Illinois in Springfield.

Ms. Redmond has taught composition, literature and creative writing courses as Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and the Los Alamos campus of University of New Mexico and enjoys speaking at writing conferences. Many of her students have successfully sold articles, essays and even books after taking her classes and writing workshops. Ms. Redmond is a professional member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Women Writing the West, Southwest Writers, Romance Writers of America and American Christian Fiction Writers.



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