

# Kirk Reedstrom

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## Biography

USA Today bestselling author Kirk Reedstrom spent most of his childhood drawing and reading Calvin & Hobbes. He studied at [Centenary College of Louisiana](#) where he interned with [William Joyce](#) at Moonbot Studios where he interned on the Oscar award-winning animated short, The Fantastic Flying Books of Morris Lessmore before becoming a bookseller at [Blue Willow Bookshop](#). Kirk now spends most of his time doodling in Shreveport, Louisiana with his wife, [Sarah Duet](#). Kirk is the creator of [Squiggle Party!](#), a monthly-ish newsletter of drawing and story prompts, an active SCBWI Member, trained as a Primetime Storyteller with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and his comics zines have been featured in Salon, Relief Journal, The Quarantine, and All Things Considered. Duck And Moose, his debut graphic novel series, was published by Disney-Hyperion on March 5, 2024.

## Statement

I am interested in creativity as a mode of self-reflection, a means of engaging with the subconscious to discover more about ourselves, our neighbors, and our communities. My art can often be described as quirky, whimsical, loose, vulnerable, and playful, which allows for the viewer to inhabit the role of a participant or collaborator. Using materials that can often be found around a house: markers, colored pencils, pens, found paper, and watercolor, I strive to make my work accessible to give permission to the viewer to create their own work and foster interaction.

## Education

Centenary College of Louisiana  
BA, STUDIO ART, 2016

Houston Community College

## Publications

Duck Moves In! Early Reader Graphic Novel  
DISNEY-HYPERION, 3.5. 2024

Moose Blasts Off! Early Reader Graphic Novel  
DISNEY-HYPERION, 3.5.2024

Duck In The Dark! Early Reader Graphic Novel  
DISNEY-HYPERION, 12.3.2024

## Exhibitions

**Solo Exhibit:** Sketch//Comic: The Art Of Duck & Moose  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2024

Sing A Song Of Cheer: A Norton Holiday Exhibition, RW Norton Art Gallery  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Impromptu, Bossier Parish Community College Learning Commons  
BOSSIER CITY, LA, 2023

**Solo Exhibit:** Squiggle Party! A Doodle Experience, RW Norton Art Gallery  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Fandom: Celebrating Graphic Novels In Libraries Month, Shreve Memorial Library  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Sketchy Business, RW Norton Art Gallery  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2022

The Flat Curve Gallery, Baton Rouge Gallery  
ONLINE, 2020

**Quarantime, Artspace**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2020

**Critical Mass 8, Artspace**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2020

**Illustrator Showcase, Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators Regional Conference**  
HOUSTON, TX, 2019

**Legacy: An Alumni Art Show, Meadows Museum**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2019

**Juried Exhibit: Forever Young, Mosesian Arts Center**  
WATERTOWN, MA, 2017

**Illustrator Showcase, Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators National Conference**  
LOS ANGELES, CA, 2015

**Illustrator Showcase, Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators National Conference**  
LOS ANGELES, CA, 2014

**Solo Exhibit: In//Progress, Turner Arts Center**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2015

**Graffiti, Artspace**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2009

## Workshops & Classes

**Safekeys Outreach Visit, Henderson Reads**  
HENDERSON, NV, 2024

**Duck & Moose Read Aloud, Great Diocesan Read**  
ONLINE, 2024

**Squiggle Party! Author Day, Beth Yeshurun Day School**  
HOUSTON, TX, 2024

**Squiggle Character Workshop, R.W. Norton Art Gallery**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

**Squiggle Character & Zine Workshop, R.W. Norton Art Gallery**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

**Squiggle Character Story Workshop, Captain Shreve High School**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2022

**Character Design Jam, Kimbell Art Museum**  
FORT WORTH, TX, 2020

**Stories The Pop!, Kimbell Art Museum**  
FORT WORTH, TX, 2019

**Hand Lettering 101, Noel Community Arts Program**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2016

**Kids Comics Class, Noel Community Arts Program**  
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2016

## Speaking

**San Antonio Book Festival: Zany Comics**

SAN ANTONIO , TX, 2025

**NAEYC Conference: Presenting award-winning authors, illustrators, and early childhood experts whose books and strategies nurture and stimulate the young child's positive sense of self and belonging and create a love of reading and learning**

LOS ANGELES , CA, 2024

**The Story of Duck & Moose, Henderson Reads Book Festival**

HENDERSON , NV, 2024

**A Picture Tells A Thousand Words: New Graphic Novels For Kids Author Panel, Texas Library Association Conference**

SAN ANTONIO , TX, 2024

**DIY PR: Everything I Learned From Launching My Debut Series, Houston SCBWI**

ONLINE, 2024

**Sketch//Comic Artist Talk, Meadows Museum**

SHREVEPORT , LA, 2024

**The Story of Duck & Moose, Louisiana Library Association Conference**

SHREVEPORT, LA, 2024

**Impromptu Artist Talk, Bossier Parish Community College Learning Commons**

BOSSIER CITY, LA, 2023

**Day of Dialog: Ready To Read Panel, School Library Journal**

ONLINE, 2023

**Squiggle Party Artist Talk, RW Norton Art Gallery**

SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

**CREATE Series, ClearView Church**

SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

**Alumni Presentation, Centenary College**

SHREVEPORT, LA, 2022

## Awards

**City of Shreveport Artist Fellowship: Multidisciplinary**

2023

**Centenary College Forward 5 Alumni Award**

2023

## Selected Press

Shreveport Author/Illustrator Launches Disney Book Series, KTBS

TELEVISION, ONLINE, 2023

Squiggle Party Interview, Something Good With Lynn Vance, KTAL

TELEVISION, ONLINE, 2023

Alumni Interview, Centenary Magazine

ONLINE, 2023

Self-Published Zines Are Back As Artists Respond To Our Reality In Quarantine, Salon

ONLINE, 2020

The Coolest 'Quaranzines' Capturing Daily Life And Attitudes During COVID-19, Sinclair Broadcast Network

ONLINE, 2020

Quaranzines, Relief Journal

ONLINE, 2020

'Quaranzines' Bring Readers Together Despite Distancing, All Things Considered

ONLINE, RADIO, 2020