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Register of Copyrights
U.S. Copyright Office
101Independence Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20559-6000
RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Stacy Gray. I am an Asheville, NC based artist and illustrator. Since 1999, I have illustrated over 25 children's educational books, as well as illustrating for children's apps and magazines. I am also a member of the Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrators. In addition to this, I am a fine art painter and a graphic designer. Needless to say, being creative and creating imagery is my sole means of making a living.

It is very difficult as it is right now with the current laws to keep my images from being pirated and used without my permission from my website or social media, so I am counting on the copyright office to protect the rights of visual artists and their creations. My work is unique to me, and my ideas have value, it makes it a struggle to make a living when piracy makes the market flooded with cheap versions of what we artists work hard to create making our work worth less.

Thanks for your understanding,

Stacy A. Gray