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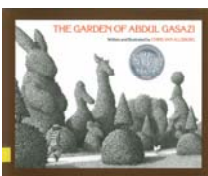
Chris Van Allsburg born in 1949, is an award-winning American children’s author. He majored in sculpture at the University of Michigan, where he learned bronze casting, wood carving and other techniques. Though still involved in making sculptures, Chris set aside some time and created the story and pictures that became *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*, which won the Caldecott Honor Medal in 1980. Since then, Chris has written and illustrated 19 books and has illustrated three others that were written by Mark Helprin. Chris is also the winner of two Caldecott Medals, for *Jumanji* and *The Polar Express*, and was the recipient of the Boston Globe Horn Book Award for *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*. Additionally, he received the Boston Globe Honor for *The Polar Express* as well as *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*. In 2004, *The Polar Express* was made into a major motion picture starring Tom Hanks.

Chris has also been awarded the Regina Medal for lifetime achievement in children's literature. In 1982, *Jumanji* won the National Book Award for Book Illustration and in 1996, it was made into a popular feature film.


Chris lives in Beverly, MA. For recreation and amusement, he rides his bike and plays tennis (“Chris Van Allsburg”).

“Chris Van Allsburg.” *HarperCollins*, www.chris-van-allsburg.harpercollins.com/biography. Accessed 24 Apr. 2023.

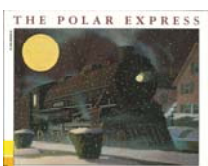
Library Collection (Primary Section)




The Garden of Abdul Gasazi

1980 Boston Globe Horn Book Award 
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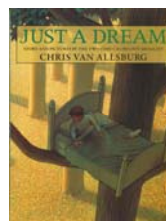
When the dog he is caring for runs away from Alan into the forbidden garden of a retired dog-hating magician, a spell seems to be cast over the contrary dog.



The Polar Express

1986 Caldecott Medal 
1986 Boston Globe Horn Book Award
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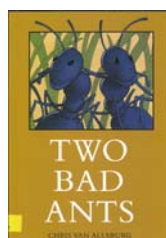
A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus.



Just a Dream

Call number: P VAN

When he has a dream about a future Earth devastated by pollution, Walter begins to understand the importance of taking care of the environment.



Two Bad Ants

1991 Washington Children’s Choice Picture Book Award 

Call number: P VAN

When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.