Ard Hoyt was born in Temple, Texas and raised on picture books. From a very early age he discovered that even though he wasn’t allowed to cross the street, he could go anywhere in a picture book. He fell in love with the worlds created by Robert Lawson, Steven Kellogg and H.A. Rey. This freedom grew to include his own pictures. Before long, Ard discovered that with a white sheet of paper he could change the weather. He knew that he wanted to be a children’s book illustrator and dreamed of one day having a book with his name on it next to the great ones.

Ard graduated from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California in 2001 and has illustrated over 25 children's books since including two New York Times Best Sellers (I'm a Manatee by John Lithgow and The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School by Laurie Halse Anderson). Ard hopes that you can open up one of his picture books and travel to a different world, just as he does. Enjoy!

— from www.ardhoytbooks.com

Books at Bentonville Public Library

**Picture Books**

- *Alice from Dallas* (2014) by Marilyn Sadler
  [PIC Sadler Marilyn]
- *Bobby the Bold* (2006) by Donna Jo Napoli
  [PIC Napoli Donna Jo]
- *The Day Dirk Yeller Came to Town* (2011) by Mary Casanova [PIC Casanova Mary]

**Children’s Books**

- *The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher* (2009) by Laurie Halse Anderson
  [PIC Anderson Laurie Halse]
- *I'm a Manatee* (2003) by John Lithgow
  [PIC Lithgow John]
- *Love the Baby* (2007) by Steven L. Layne
  [PIC Layne Steven]
My Daddy and Me (2005) by Amy E. Sklansky [PIC Sklansky Amy E]
One-Dog Canoe (2003) by Mary Casanova [PIC Casanova Mary]
One-Dog Sleigh (2013) by Mary Casanova [PIC Casanova Mary]
Piggies in Pajamas (2013) by Michelle Meadows [PIC Meadows Michelle]
Piggies in the Kitchen (2011) by Michelle Meadows [PIC Meadows Michelle]
Saying Goodbye to Lulu (2004) by Corinne Demas [PIC Demas Corinne]
Share With Brother (2011) by Steven L. Layne [PIC Layne Steven]
Some Cat! (2012) by Casanova Mary [PIC Casanova Mary]
Some Dog! (2007) by Mary Casanova [PIC Casanova Mary]
Stay With Sister (2012) by Steven L. Layne [PIC Layne Steven]
Teacher’s Night Before Halloween (2008) by Steven L. Layne [PIC Layne Steven]

Tilly the Trickster (2011) by Molly Shannon [PIC Shannon Molly]
Utterly Otterly Day (2008) by Mary Casanova [PIC Casanova Mary]
Utterly Otterly Night (2011) by Mary Casanova [PIC Casanova Mary]
When the Cows Got Loose (2006) by Carol Weis [PIC Weis Carol]
Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer (2009) by Carol Brendler [PIC Brendler Carol]
Wisteria Jane (2015) by Amber Harris [PIC Harris Amber]

Easy Non-fiction
Daniel Boone’s Great Escape (2008) by Michael P. Spradlin [ENF 976.9 SPR]

Juvenile Fiction

Related Illustrators Recommended by BPL

Henry Cole
Maurice Sendak
Peter H. Reynolds
Kay Chorao

Dave Coverly
Roger Roth
Amy Bates
Matt Davies
Link to Lesson Plan

http://www.bentonvillelibrary.org/assets/YLF/pdfs/hoyt-lesson.pdf

Additional Library Resources

Print
For Future Illustrators –
Drawing How to:
5 Steps to Drawing Faces (2012) by Susan Kesselring [JNF 743.4 KES]
5 Steps to Drawing People (2012) by Pamela Hall [JNF 743.6 HAL]
Draw 50 People (1994) by Lee J. Ames [JNF 743.4 AME]
How to Draw Pets (2012) by Mark Bergin [JNF 743.6 BER]
Portraits & Animals (2015) by Carolyn Franklin [JNF 743.6 FRA]

Illustration Techniques:
Basic Drawing Techniques (2013) by Richard Box [ANF 741.2 BOX]
Just Draw It! (2012) by Sam Piyasena [ANF 741.2 PIY]
Watercolor Pencil Magic (2002) by Cathy Johnson [ANF 741.2 JOH]
Watercolors (2014) by Mari Bolte [JNF 751.42]

About Illustrators/Illustration:
Artist to Artist: 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children About Their Art (2007) by Eric Carle [JNF 741.6 CAR]

For Fun –
Picture Books:
Art and Max (2010) by David Wiesner [PIC Wiesner David]
Ben Draws Trouble (2015) by Matt Davies [PIC Davies Matt]
Draw! (2014) by Raul Colon [PIC Colon Raul]
Ish (2004) by Peter Reynolds [PIC Reynolds Peter]
The Pencil (2008) by Allan Ahlberg [PIC Ahlberg Allan]

E-Learning on BPL’s Student Portal Page
For Future Illustrators –
Drawing How to:
Illustration Techniques:

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