

**Train Song**By Diane Siebert
Paintings by Mike Wimmer



Flight
By Robert Burleigh
A story about Charles Linberg's famous 1927 flight across the

Atlantic, from New York to



All the Places to Love

By Patricia MacLachlan, Paintings by Mike Wimmer Patricia Maclachlan and Mike Wimmer have crafted a moving homage to the American farm, and the sweet simplicity of a family's connection to the land.



Home Run

Paris.

By Robert Burleigh, Paintings by Mike Wimmer The legend of Babe Ruth and his making of history as the "Home Run King.



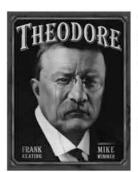
### Summertime

By George Gershwin, Dubose Hayward, Dorothy Hayward Ira Gershwin Paintings by Mike Wimmer A beautiful song brought to life in pictures as told through the eyes of a little girl.



### Will Rogers

By Frank Keating
Paintings by Mike Wimmer
A larger thanlife figure of the 20th
century. Will Rogers lived by his
own rules of modesty, plain living,
friendship, and family.
His life was the American Dream.



### Theodore

By Frank Keating Paintings by Mike Wimmer A biographical sketch of one of America's greatest presidents. A larger than life character who lived life LARGE.



### **Stealing Home**

By Robert Burleigh
Paintings by Mike Wimmer
Jackie Robinson made history as
the first black man to break the
color barrier in professional baseball.



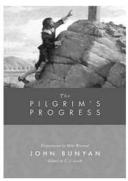
### The Trial of Standing Bear

By Frank Keating
Paintings by Mike Wimmer
A story about the fight to be
recognized as a man, a race and
a citizen of the land on which
he was born.



### One Giant Leap

By Robert Burleigh Paintings by Mike Wimmer A 40th anniversary celebration of man's acheivment of walking on the moon July 1969.



### Pilgrim's Progress

By John Bunyan
Edited by C. J. Lovik
Paintings by Mike Wimmer
No other work in the English
language, other than the bible,
has been printed more than this
seminal work of a man's journey
through this world to the next.



# MIKE WIMMER I DO ART INC.

405-329-0478 - MIKE@MIKEWIMMER.COM - WWW.MIKEWIMMER.COM

# **ABOUT MIKE:**

Mike Wimmer was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma where he grew up like most boys: playing hard, fighting sleep, reading comic books and dreaming. "Thanks to my very active imagination and the physical development handed down to me through my grandfather, I was able to chase and catch many of my dreams." Dreams that included one day winning a bodybuilding championship, being a football star, or living the adventures of his favorite literary characters, King Arthur, Robin Hood, or a salty high seas pirateer. His art development, with the help of comic books and boy's adventure stories, was well nourished and supplied by his parents who themselves had no knowledge or understanding of such talents. But, in their own words, "It kept him active, out of trouble and above all, quiet."

Mike Wimmer's career started out slow but it wasn't long before his portfolio was full and his workday busy. Most of his clients were local in the beginning but after a whirlwind tour of New York he began working more on a national scale and his work began to take on a broader audience. Mike has illustrated many children's book covers and is the illustrator of "Train Song" by Diane Siebert, 1991 NCSS/CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the field of Social Studies and a Redbook Best Book for 1990. He is also the illustrator of "Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh" by Robert Burliegh, published by Putnam Philomel who was the winner of the Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children 1990. "All the Places to Love" by Patricia MacLachlan was published in 1994 by Harper Collins and has become a favorite of every generation. It also won the Oklahoma Book Award for Best Illustrated Children's Book for 1995. "Homerun: The Story of Babe Ruth", Mike's second book with Bob Burliegh, was published in 1997 by Harcourt Brace and has been included on many state book award lists. In 1999 Simon and Schuster published "Summertime"-from Porgy and Bess by George and Ira Gershwin with Dubose and Dorothy Hayward. "Will Rogers" written by Governor Frank Keating was released in August of 2002. It has been awarded the 2003 Spur Award from the Western Writers Association of America. My book "Theodore", written by Frank Keating was released in January of 2006 and received a starred review in the MARCH 2006 issue of SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL. Theodore has also received reviews in Kirkus, review December 1, 2005 and Publishers Weekly, favorable review, January 23, 2006. My new book "Stealing Home, Jackie Robinson Against the Odds", is another collaboration with my old friend Robert Burliegh, it was released in January, 2007. It earned two Starred Reviews from PUBLISHERS WEEKLY. In 2008 I released another book with Governor Frank Keating, "Standing Bear". It just won the Spur Award from the Western Writers of America. My newest book, "One Giant Leap", written by Bob Burleigh, is a 40th anniversary celebration of man's great acheivment of walking on the moon in 1969. Pilgrim's Progress is due to be released September of 2009.

## **PURPOSE:**

Mike's personal mission statement for the last 25 years has been "Learn IT. Live IT. Teach IT". He has taken this motto to heart throughout his career by always trying to improve his work, his life and the lives of others; whether it be as a student, a teacher, or as a father. "It is for this purpose that I enjoy visiting schools and sharing my experiences. My expectations for my work are high because achieving perfection never happens by accident."

My presentation consists of a quick biographical sketch of my life and then proceeds to an examination of my many projects, working methods and how I approach a book project. I then finish with a short question and answer session and a drawing demonstration. I usually perform 3 1-hour presentations or 2 1/2-hour and 2 1-hour presentations a day, this allows plenty of time for passing periods and book signing. My daily fee is \$1,800.00 all expenses included.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule Mike for a school visit please feel free to contact him via telephone or email. Also check out his web site to view some of his work or get more information.