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Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

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Now Scheduling School Visits

Patricia Rust and Power for Kids will soon resume visiting schools to present the Royal Readers programs. If you are a teacher or librarian and would like to invite Patricia or one of her Royal Reading volunteers to lead an empowering session at your school, please visit <http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/appearance.html> to request more information. Parents, please contact us with the information for your child's teacher or librarian so that we may send them a brochure.

Writers Guild Foundation Continues Literacy Efforts

In its continuing effort to support literacy and education, the Writers Guild Foundation has created the following website: <http://www.wgfoundation.org/academicliteracy.htm>. Visit the site to learn more about the Foundation's efforts or arrange to have one of their featured programs presented at your school. Power for Kids is proud to be a part of this excellent initiative to encourage literacy in Southern California.

Chopped Liver for the Family Spirit Available Now

The second book in the *Chopped Liver* series is now available. Patricia Rust contributed a tribute to legendary animator Jules Engel. Like *Chopped Liver for the American Spirit*, the book is a collection of uplifting stories written by regular Americans. Buy your copy today and share it with those close to you. Signed copies are available at http://www.powerforkids.com/book/buy_book.html.

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Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Still Available

The King of Skittledeedoo is a wonderful learning tool for every child in your family, or your friend's family. It will help motivate your young students to read, read, read. A limited number of signed copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* are still available. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Kids! Send us your summer poems!

We're holding a children's contest. To enter, send your summer poem or story to aryn@powerforkids.com or 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025. Your contribution will be posted at <http://www.powerforkids.com/kids/KidsWork.html>. To submit your own poem or story for our newsletter and website, send it to aryn@powerforkids.com.

The winner will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo*. Entries must be received by 9/15/2004.

DONATION CAMPAIGN:

Power for Kids, Inc. Needs Your Help

It's the time of year to create tax write-offs and get kids excited about reading! As part of our continuing efforts to ensure that all children at risk for illiteracy have access to copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* through their libraries and classrooms, and to make schools aware of the powerful tools offered through our website at www.PowerforKids.com, we need to send mailings to schools, increase the number of our school visits, print additional copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*, manufacture literacy kits, and train literacy volunteers to create a national Royal Readers network. But we can't do it without you. We need funding to continue our imperative work.

Your donation of \$30 provides a child with a book and a Royal Readers learning kit.
Your donation of \$100 sponsors a classroom visit.
Your donation of \$500 sponsors a school visit with books donated to each classroom and the school library.

We also offer membership levels:

Silver club:

\$500-\$1000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and the link of your choice, either to your company or another organization with which you are affiliated, will be added to our website.

Gold club:

\$1000-\$5000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your website banner link will be added to our website.

Platinum club:

\$5000 and up – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your company logo will be featured prominently on our website, and your company link will be included in this newsletter.

Tax-deductible donations are now accepted online. Please visit <http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/contacts.html> and click the “Make a Donation” link.

You can also mail your check or money order to:

Power for Kids, Inc., 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

If your employer offers a donation-matching, or employee-donation program, we are eligible to receive funds through it, as an educational organization. Please contact your human resources department for more information.

CHILDREN'S STORY:

Jackie Learns to Dance

By Patricia Rust

Jackie was flying high dodging clouds and jumping on a few of them. She was having fun flying and who wouldn't? She felt the air whoosh by her and she tucked in her wings and flew closer to the ground. No one was around, not even Jasper the Seagull, who was usually seen riding air currents all day.

Jackie hoped to see another angel, but she knew each angel was on a special assignment to cover a certain amount of land and people. Jackie was happy to cover the island she called home and wondered whether Doowee Dolphin was awake yet so she could watch him make a smelt smoothie.

As Jackie came closer to the island, she saw Doowee's entourage -- it was as though Doowee were a rock star and had his own band. Actually, he did have his own band and they were playing Doowop music, which goes like this: "Doowop shebop, doowop shebop boo." Doowee was singing and the three Penguini Brothers were singing backup and swaying to the music. It was the kind of music that makes you want to get up and dance!

Jackie thought this looked really cool and fun. She thought she would like to sing with them but said aloud, "They may not hear me if I sing." She flew down, dipping, swirling, twirling to the music. Before long, she realized she was dancing in the sky! Wow! What a feeling of freedom! She could express all the feeling she had inside by dancing her emotions right out of her. When she had a sad feeling she twirled; when she had a happy feeling she jumped on clouds, and when she was grateful and felt she was lucky to be a plucky lucky little angel, she danced on the tip of her toes.

She couldn't stop. She just kept dancing so long as the music was playing. She was in a special place that comes from feeling joy, knowing you have friends, and can express yourself with and to them. Soon Jackie was dancing quite well and when Doowee's Doowop band noticed her, they suddenly stopped playing. Jackie stopped dancing.

"Why did you stop?" asked Jackie.

"Why did you stop?" asked Doowee.

"Because you stopped," replied Jackie.

"I say we start again and have some fun!" squeaked Doowee.

"Me, too!" said Jackie and they danced and sang the day away.

Do you like to sing and dance?

Maybe Jackie will come sing and dance with you in the sky!

Bye bye from Jackie the Angel.

(From a forthcoming book by Patricia Rust)
Read this story and others at www.JackietheAngel.com.

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POWER FOR KIDS, INC. MISSION STATEMENT:

Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

Power for Kids, Inc. is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our "Create-A-Book" program empowers children by helping them write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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