

# ARTIST BIOS

Bringing Crocodile Creek products to life is a collaborative process that involves many talented designers and artists. Located around the world, these amazing artists bring their diverse backgrounds and experiences to each and every one of our products.



ALISTAR

**Q:** Where were you born?

**A:** I was born in a small town along the seaside on the eastern central Italy, with a lighthouse on the green hills where I enjoyed endless skies and many horizons and liked to swim.

**Q:** Where do you currently live?

**A:** I currently live between the sweet Italian seaside and an historical city along the Silk Road in the Caucasus: Tbilisi, the Capital of Georgia. I love its mix of culture between east and west and it's where my husband and part of my family live.

**Q:** Favorite toy as a child?

**A:** Books, crayons, record player, records and a red bike! I still like all of them, just my books and colors are digital now, I listen to mp3s and my bike is blue!

**Q:** If you could go to a place back in time for a one day visit—when and where?

**A:** The captain of a pirate ship in the Caribbean Sea. Ahoy!



MICHAEL SLACK

**Q:** Where were you born?

**A:** Sacramento, CA

**Q:** Where do you currently live?

**A:** San Francisco, CA

**Q:** Where did you do your art training?

**A:** San Francisco Art Institute.  
I have a BFA in painting.

**Q:** Favorite toy as a child?

**A:** Rubber Uglies

**Q:** Favorite picture book as a child?

**A:** *Where the Wild Things Are*.  
I still love that book.

**Q:** Artists that have inspired you?

**A:** Norman Saunders, Richard Powers, Jean Dubuffet and Tomi Ungerer

**Q:** If you could go to a place back in time for a one day visit—when and where?

**A:** Earth in the Late Jurassic.  
It would be fascinating to see what dinosaurs really look like.



AMY SCHIMLER-SAFFORD

**Q:** Where were you born?

**A:** Brooklyn, NY

**Q:** Where do you currently live?

**A:** Atlanta, GA

**Q:** Where did you do your art training?

**A:** Studied painting and fiberarts at Massachusetts College of Art, textile design courses at RISD.

**Q:** Favorite toy as a child?

**A:** Colorforms

**Q:** Favorite picture book as a child?

**A:** *Red Fish, Blue Fish*

**Q:** Artists that have inspired you?

**A:** Maira Kalman, Leo Lionni, Marimekko, Sara Fanelli, Giselle Potter

**Q:** If you could go to a place back in time for a one day visit—when and where?

**A:** Paris in the mid '80's

