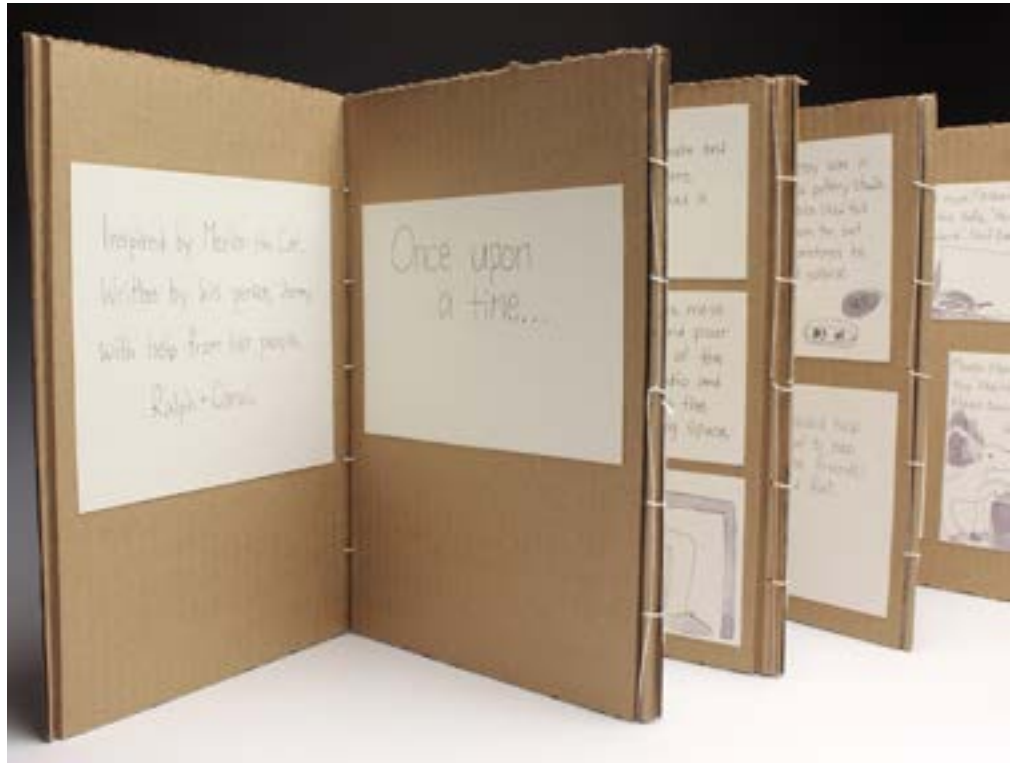


# IMAGINATION

Jenny Dowd



## ***Merlin & Friends***

Accordion book bound with thread; created with ink and watermedia on paper and cardboard.

### **Artist's Statement**

**Merlin & Friends:** The search for a perfect nap in the Dowd House is a timely tale of true friends working together through unforeseen obstacles. As with most fairy tales, the origins of this story are rather dark. However, over time and through countless recitations this adventure has evolved into an account that highlights the extraordinary power of teamwork.

Follow Merlin the Cat as he struggles to gain the attention of his people - his only desire was a nap in front of a warm, crackling fireplace. Will Merlin and his friends find the perfect spot for a nap in the Dowd House? Find out how Merlin leans on his friends, and in the process learns to trust.

### **Biography**

Jenny grew up in Kansas where she found inspiration in epic road trips, constant reading, creative parents, and a big open sky. After attending Kansas State University where she studied ceramics, she completed an MFA in Ceramics at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Jenny has taught and shown her art across the country. Usually she teaches pottery, drawing, and printmaking classes at the Art Association of Jackson Hole. These days she can be found working in her home studio in Alpine, Wyoming where her studio cat, Merlin, can keep a close eye on her projects.

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