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The cartoon-like cover illustration might make you think this is a silly book for little kids, but it is actually a well-researched, well-written book about noxious invasive weeds and the threat they pose to natural, native vegetation. --Ann Dickinson--Southwest Books of the Year 2015

#### About the Author

Karen Sackett has an elementary education degree, with a minor in speech pathology. She has a passion for writing, working with kids, and playing bluegrass music. Originally from Idaho, Karen and her husband have lived for over twenty-five years in a forest near Bozeman, Montana. She learned to maintain a healthy forest on her land through work with the Montana Master Forest Stewardship Program. When she is not patrolling for outlaw weeds with her grandchildren, she is learning to play the Paraguayan harp.

#### About the Illustrator

Ed Jenne, a professional illustrator in Missoula, Montana, used his biology degree and sense of humor when drawing the big, bad weeds in this book. He specializes in maps and complex illustrations of busy scenes. Nancy Seiler, who paints in fluid acrylics in her studio in Missoula, Montana, provides botanical illustrations for the Most Not Wanted guide.

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