



## **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE B.B. SERIES TEAM**

### **WENDY LOKKEN CO-AUTHOR**

A child of divorce herself, Lokken was raised in a blended family. After graduating from North Dakota State University, she embarked upon a series of highly successful business ventures with a focus on start-up companies and real estate. She also worked for corporate sales with Borders Books and Music. Currently, co-owner and secretary of the Board of Lasertec, Inc. a privately held high speed laser print company, Lokken resides in Naples with her companion EJ McDonnell, her son Michael John O'Dea, II and their dog Daisy Mae.

### **GWENDY MANGIAMELE CO-AUTHOR**

With a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from North Dakota State University, Mangiamele spent the next 20 years working for several Fortune 500 companies as a senior level manager, achieving the distinction of Top Producing Sales and Marketing Executive. She is featured in the 1998 Who's Who of Female Executives. Mangiamele currently resides in Minneapolis with her husband Paul and daughter Mia Johnson. She has two grown step-children, P.J. and Megan Mangiamele.

### **EDNA CUCKSEY STEPHENS CO-AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER**

Founder and President of EDCO Publishing in Auburn Hills, Michigan, Cucksey Stephens is an author of two children's books and numerous educational newsletters, brochures, and white papers. She holds a bachelor of arts in education for kindergarten through grade 12, a master's degree in Reading and Language Arts, as well as a master's degree in Special Education. She has an Elementary Administration certification and spent 26 years teaching grades K-12 in Rochester, Michigan. She resides in Clarkston, Michigan with her husband Mark. They have two grown children. (Edna was women of the year at some point, we should incorporate it.)

**HEATHER DRESCHER**  
**ILLUSTRATOR**

Drescher graduated from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale with a bachelor of science degree in computer animated art. She has contributed illustrations to several children's projects including EDCO's L.A. P.'s™ and MI On The Move programs, as well a several endeavors with various authors. She owns a business specializing in interior artwork and fine art pieces and resides in Naples with her companion Richard Corace.