

Jessica Harper

Children's

Books

and

Music

BIOGRAPHY

Jessica Harper wears many hats. As an actress she co-starred in *Stardust Memories* with Woody Allen, *Pennies From Heaven* with Steve Martin, *My Favorite Year* with Peter O'Toole, *Minority Report* with Tom Cruise and cult favorites "Phantom of the Paradise" and "Suspiria." Harper won a Cable Ace Award for best actress in "It's Garry Shandling's Show," and her numerous other television appearances include a guest shot on *Late Night With David Letterman*. Her stage experience ranges from 'Hair' on Broadway to co-starring with Al Pacino in regional theatre.

After she became a mom in 1989, Jessica wrote and produced seven CDs of music for children, which have earned multiple awards and rave reviews from critics in *Entertainment Weekly*, *Parenting*, *Family Fun*, *Billboard* and others. *TV Guide's Parent's Guide* stated that "...her lyrics...rank with the best of contemporary children's poetry." Of Harper's 2002 release, "Inside Out," Lynne Heffley of the *LA Times* said, "Children's music doesn't get better than this." *People Magazine* did a special feature on Harper, her music, and her focus on family.

Not busy enough just being an actress, recording artist, mom, and wife of a busy executive, Jessica became an award-winning author, penning seven picture books in the last decade, including the best-selling "Nora's Room." Her most recent book, "A Place Called Kindergarten" (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006), received a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly* and a NAPPA Gold Award.

Next on the agenda for Harper is a series of chapter books for young readers. The first, "Uh-oh, Cleo," was just published by G.P. Putnam's Sons this spring.

