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Mary Amato is an award-winning children's and YA book author, poet, playwright, and songwriter. Her books have been translated into foreign languages, optioned for television, produced onstage, and have won the children's choice awards in several states. She teaches popular workshops on writing and the creative process around the country. Among her most recent titles are: *News from Me*, *Lucy McGee*, *Open Mic Night at Westminster Cemetery*, *Our Teach is a Vampire and Other (Not) True Stories*, *The Chicken of the Family*, *Please Write in This Book*, and her *Riot Brothers* series. Mary gives voice to the funny, sad, messy, and wondrous stories of life, especially the stories of children and young adults. Her mission: each book has humor, heart, and grit.