



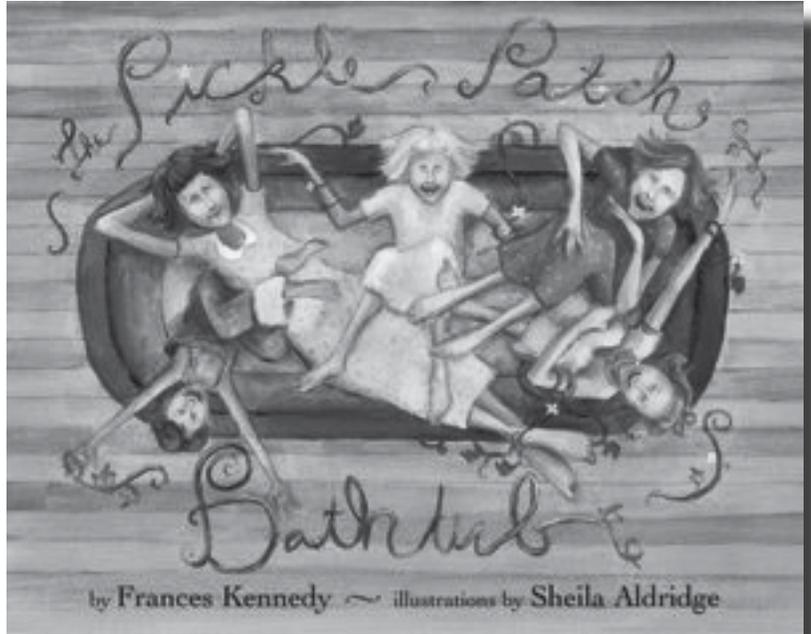
# “The Pickle Patch Bathtub”

## by Frances Kennedy

*The Pickle Patch Bathtub* is written by Frances Kennedy and illustrated by Sheila Aldridge. Copyright 2004. Originally published by Tricycle Press, now sold by Random House, Inc.

### Book Jacket Description:

On the second Saturday in January, Donna Delle Philp discovers that her legs are too long. She’s grown too tall to bathe in the family’s old washtub. But her parents can’t afford a luxury item like a real bathtub. So Donna will have to raise the funds herself. But how? Inspiration flashes from the produce store window: “WANTED Cucumbers for Pickling, Free Seeds.” Growing cucumbers for the canning company would be possible if her brother and sisters pitch in! After months of planting and feeding and weeding and harvesting, the Philp kids are happy to trade in their pickle patch money for something they really value. Here is a true-life tale of a family with the determination to cultivate a dream.



### About Author Frances Kennedy

Biographical information taken from author description included in the book and from the web site on the National Writing Project. NWP is a network of sites anchored at colleges and universities and serving educators across disciplines and at all levels, early childhood through university. The web site is located at [www.nwp.org](http://www.nwp.org).

Frances Kennedy was born in 1937 in Sioux City, Iowa. She is the author of *The Pickle Patch Bathtub* (2004) and *The Just-Right, Perfect Present* (2007). Kennedy is a retired elementary school teacher. *The Pickle Patch Bathtub* was selected as the 2006 Book of the Year by Iowa First Lady, Christy Vilsack and distributed to 42,000 Iowa kindergartners. The inspiration for Kennedy’s books is her mother. Kennedy said in a 2009 interview by the National Writing Project (NWP), “(I want) to keep my mother and her stories alive. I didn’t want the only memory of her to be her name in a little box, on the family tree, or the date of her birth and death in the old family Bible.”

Asked by NWP about her writing process, she said: “I am retired now so finding time to write is easier, but the process is much the same. I snatch bits and pieces of time out of my busy schedule. Once I have an idea for a story I let it percolate. Then I write a quick draft, sometimes with pencil and paper, and then I enter it in the computer. I don’t recommend this, but I revise as I write. It works for me.”

Kennedy lives in Dubuque, Iowa with her husband Jim.