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## ***ANDREW MCGROUNDHOG AND HIS SHADY SHADOW***

**Written and illustrated by Peter J. Welling**

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### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Peter Welling is the father of four and grandfather of three. For many years he was the art director for *Futures* magazine and continues to contribute when he has free time. He is a regular columnist for *Futures Mysterious Anthology Magazine* and teaches writing and illustration courses for Indiana and Purdue Universities’ Continuing Education Program in Indianapolis. Welling was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus for the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division for 2003 by Indiana University at South Bend and is an active member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. He is the author and illustrator of six other books for young readers: *Darlene Halloween and the Great Chicago Fire*, *Joe Van Der Katt and the Great Picket Fence*, *The Kvetch Who Stole Hanukkah*, *Justin Potemkin and the 500-Mile Race*, *Shawn O’Hisser*, *the Last Snake in Ireland*, and *Michael Le Soufflé and the April Fool*, all published by Pelican. To learn more about Peter, visit his Web site at [www.peterjwelling.com](http://www.peterjwelling.com).

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