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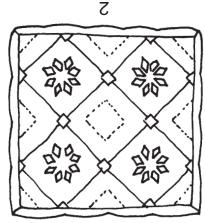
## **Meet Patricia Polacco**

**Directions:** Cut on the solid lines below. Fold on the dotted lines to make a mini-book about Patricia Polacco, the author of *The Keeping Quilt, My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother*, and *Firetalking*. Read the book and color the illustrations.

My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother

Patricia Polacco writes about her childhood.

She wrote My Rotten
Redheaded Older Brother.
It is about her older brother.



Patricia Polacco writes and illustrates books for children. She wrote The Keeping Quilt. It told a true story about her family and their special quilt.

Patricia Polacco likes to write about her family. She has written many books about them.

What is your favorite Patricia Polacco book?

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Meet the Author

Patricia Polacco

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

