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Talented children's book illustrators can add magic to a boy wizard's world or help a young girl be extra fancy. Mary GrandPre ("Harry Potter"), and Robin Preiss Glasser ("Fancy Nancy"), are among the artists celebrating their craft at the 20th annual Children's Book Illustration Art Show & Book Signing on Dec. 3 at Chemers Gallery in Tustin. They will be joined by Elisa Kleven, husband-and-wife team Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher, and Raul Colon.

"Illustrations spark the imagination and have an enormous emotional appeal to children and adults," says gallery owner Karen Raab. "The illustrator has to tell a story without using words."

Artists will speak and sign copies of their books, and the 200-plus displayed illustrations will be for sale. Traditionally, the gallery donates some proceeds to children's charities; this year's recipient is Chapman University's youth literacy programs.

*Through Dec. 17. 17300 17th St., Tustin,
714-731-5432, chemersgallery.com.*