



Goffinet was born and grew up in the small historic town of Carrickfergus on the water's edge in Northern Ireland. Surrounded by the sea, she loved the sandy beaches, the sparkling waters and all marine life. In adulthood, Goffinet moved to a more mountainous area but years later she found the ocean calling to her once more and she retired to live at the beach in South Carolina. But

instead of clean waters and beaches, she found the sand strewn with doggie waste and plastic products of all kinds.

Every day, she found doggie doo-doo and plastic litter dropped on the sand by careless humans and soon realized that a form of bad behavior had descended upon the shores.

With a little research, Goffinet discovered that doggie doo-doo and plastic have devastating effects on shore and marine life. The dog waste poisons the waters; plastic cigarette butts dropped at the water's edge choke little sandpipers; fireworks with plastic parts frighten and injure birds; plastic toys are ingested by dolphins with fatal results; plastic bags mistaken for jellyfish are ingested by turtles and plastic bags are a total menace to all living creatures.

Very disturbed by her findings, Goffinet resolved to find a way to raise awareness to the negligent attitude of beach goers and decided to write a book in a delightful uplifting fun way but with an underlying message at which children could laugh, yet learn.

One day as she was picking up litter, she noticed a seagull with an unusual birthmark---a black ring around his right eye. As Goffinet observed this bird she was inspired to name him Sullie and decided that the story in her book would be told by this savvy old seagull. "Sullie Saves the Seas" was instantly hatched.

Since "Sullie Saves the Seas" was published Sullie has become an icon for plastic free beaches and is loved by children all around the world from Ireland to Australia. Sullie travels to schools, camps, churches and anywhere that children gather. And Sullie's book will soon be converted into an exciting coloring treasure with all the unique characters including Speedy Sandpiper, Plankie Pelican; Eddo Eagle and Allo Albatross.

