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BERNARDA BRYSON, an American painter, lithographer and author, has illustrated a number of books, both her own and of other authors. She has also illustrated for Harper's Magazine, Fortune and Scientific American. Her text of GILGAMESH is an important contribution to the field of children's literature and represents many years of research, while her illustrations draw upon an enormous wealth of archeological material.

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