



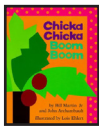
Local Authors & Illustrators



The following talented authors and illustrators are available to speak at your school book fair or special event. Remember to plan ahead they have full schedules and often book a year in advance.



Need Books? Please call (909) 865-8550 Mrs. Nelson's Book Fair Company can provide books for author/illustrator visits. Your school can earn either 10% of the net sales, or, in lieu of making a profit, offer a 10% discount on all sales. To provide books for an event, we appreciate at least six weeks notice.



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John's assemblies move across the grade continuum with rhythm, rhyme, repetition and the joy of language stressed in K-2 assemblies highlighting the well-known book, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and the recently released, Boom Chicka Rock. 50 minute assemblies to K-1, 2-3, 4-5 or 6th grade as well. See website for details. Fee: \$1,250 - \$1,500/ day



Eric DeLaBarre.....
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Eric DeLaBarre is an award winning writer/director who began his career with Dick Wolf on NBC's mega-hit drama, Law & Order. He has been a professional writer since 1995 and is a member of the Writers Guild of America. He has adapted NY Times best sellers for 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment and ghost written for Random House/Harmony Books. Eric's presentation will include reading pages from *Saltwater Taffy* and then talking with students about what it takes to write a book. Grades: 2-7. Fee negotiable.



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She is the author of more than 100 books. Her slide presentation focuses on the writing and illustrating process, sources of ideas, and the excitement of research. Popular books include *Wiggle and Waggle*, *Super Swimmers*, and *Giant Sea Reptiles of the Dinosaur Age*. Grades: K-6. Fee varies.



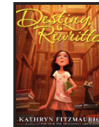
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She is the author of the Blast to the Past series. She offers two presentations. Fact and Fiction in the Historical Novel teaches the difference between what is true and what is not true in a historical fiction novel. The Making of a Book covers the entire writing process from concept to bookshelf. Each presentation is 45 minutes and interactive, with overheads or PowerPoints. Grades: 2-5. Contact for fee.



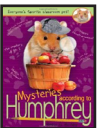
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He is the author of *The Looking Glass Wars*, *Seeing Redd*, and *Princess Alyss of Wonderland*. He provides large audience multimedia presentations about writing, publishing, producing movies, and making soundtracks. Grades: 5-8. Fee varies.



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After seeing how her grandmother, a science fiction author, could make the characters in her books into whomever she wanted, Kathryn decided that she, too, wanted to become a writer. As a past teacher, one of Kathryn's favorite things to do is to visit schools and libraries. She has experience in managing and presenting to large groups of adults and students, as well as small groups under thirty. She can tailor any presentation to meet the needs of specific individual groups as well. Grades: All. Fee negotiable.



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She is the author of the popular Humphrey series and *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs*. She offers two presentations. How I Learned to Think, Talk, and Act Like a Hamster demonstrates how to create a unique voice for a character through research, writing, and rewriting. Grade 2-5. The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs illustrates how one family's oft-told tales inspired a fictional book. Grades: 3-6. Fee varies.



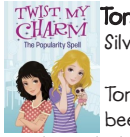
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She is the author and illustrator of *Stars Walk On! A Guide for Babies of All Ages*, *Santa Claus: The World's Number One Toy Expert*, *Roller Coaster*, and *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*. She is also the illustrator of the *Clementine* series of chapter books, *The Seven Silly Eaters*, and *Everywhere Babies*. Her slide presentation or classroom visit focuses on telling stories with pictures and a drawing demonstration using students as models. Grades: 1-5 and/or evening family program. Fee varies.



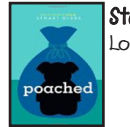
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I love nothing more than customizing my presentations to each school's needs. Cooking up a Story explores the wonderful process of developing a story through illustration. The audience actively participates in selecting the ingredients that I then use to sketch out a tasty and satisfying tale. Story structure and characterization are all part of the mix. This is a fun and interactive presentation that is sure to get those creative juices bubbling.
 . See website for details. Fee: \$1000-\$1200/day



Toni Gallagher.....323-356-7350
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Toni grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has been writing for most of her life. At 15, she moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio (which is why Cleo is from there). She attended Northwestern University outside Chicago, Illinois, and majored in journalism (writing for newspapers specifically), but moved to Los Angeles right after graduation to pursue a career writing for TV and movies. Grades: 3-6. Currently no fee.



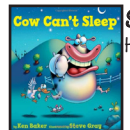
Stuart Gibbs.....
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He is the author of *Belly Up*, *Poached*, *Spy School*, *Spy Camp*, *Evil Spy School*, and *Space Case*. He's written screenplays, worked on animated films, and helped develop TV shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, ABC, and Fox. Stuart delivers a humorous, informative, riveting presentation on how he gets the ideas for his books, or he can teach writing seminars, conduct lively Q&A sessions, and even customize a speech for special events, like awards ceremonies or literature festivals. Grades: 2-6. Fee negotiable.



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Joan's award-winning books, *Splish Splash* and *Flicker Flash*, both shape poems about water and light inspire students to write their own poetry. A former teacher, Joan loves encouraging children to think creatively. Her personalized programs feature poetry, slides, audience participation, an ocean drum, rain and thunder sticks, puppets, a poem in sign language, poetry writing workshops, and teacher idea sheets. Grades K-6. Fee varies.



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Steve Gray's cartoon characters have been seen in digital media, broadcast, and print publication, including *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*. His interactive school presentation shows students how a picturebook is illustrated from rough pencil sketches to the final slick full-color book. Steve gives students a hands-on drawing lesson designed to build confidence and encourage students to feel positive about themselves when pursuing creative endeavours. Grades K-6. Fee: \$500/ one session, \$950/ two sessions, \$1,300/ three sessions.



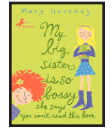
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She's the illustrator of picturebooks including: *Wynetta and the Cornstalk*, *Barn Storm*, and *Teeny Weeny Bop*. Her program includes a step-by-step demonstration of the book-making process, sketching, and a powerpoint slide show. Grades: K-5. Fee negotiable.



Brian Hastings.....818-729-2407
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Brian works as the Chief Creative Officer at Insomniac Games and is a first-time author with the novel *Song of the Deep*. He was one of the three original members of Insomniac, developing little-known *Disruptor*. Over the last twenty-two years, Brian has helped create nearly thirty games, including their latest one, *Song of the Deep*, available on Xbox One, PS4 and Steam. *Song of the Deep* was a very special project for Brian's team. It's about the great lengths we will go to help the people we love, and originally inspired by his then ten-year-old daughter. It's the story of a girl whose father disappears at sea, so she builds a submarine to search for him and in doing so discovers a secret underwater world. Brian states he is very grateful to have had the opportunity to write this book, as he used to dream of being an author when he was a kid. Grades: 3-6 No Fee.



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Mary Hershey, the author of *My Big Sister is So Bossy She Says You Can't Read This Book* and *The One Where the Kid Nearly Jumps to His Death and Lands in California*, is a devoted student of the funny bone and its powerful connection to creativity. Her energetic presentations help students mine and excavate their own unique sense of humor for problem solving and inspiration. Her work has been described as hysterical and unforgettable. Grades: 3-8. Fee: \$750. (Fee reduced by \$25 for homemade chocolate chip cookies.)



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She's the author and illustrator of twenty-three books. Some of her titles include the *Lives of...* series (*Musicians*, *Writers*, *Artists*, *Extraordinary Women*, etc.), *Sunflower House*, and *Flower Garden*. She offers a humorous slide presentation about making books and how to inspire writing through drawing. Grades: K-6. Fee: \$1,000/ day.



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She's the award-winning author of middle grade and young adult novels like *Defiance* and *Sheep*. She offers classroom presentations that make reading come alive for the students. Grades: 4-8. Contact for fees.



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She is the author of *The Secret Hum of a Daisy*, an Indies Introduce New Voices Pick and Bank Street Best Book of 2015. Tracy Holczer has fun and interactive assembly presentations on voice, characterization and first pages as well as small group writing classes. She also has inspirational talks about the journey to publication as well as fostering story ideas for both adults and children. Grades 5 and up. Fee negotiable



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Jennifer L. Holm is the NEW YORK TIMES bestselling children's author of *THE FOURTEENTH GOLDFISH*. She is the recipient of three Newbery Honors for her novels *OUR ONLY MAY AMELIA*, *PENNY FROM HEAVEN*, and *TURTLE IN PARADISE*. Jennifer collaborates with her brother, Matthew Holm, on two graphic novel series -- the Eisner Award-winning *Babymouse* series which has more than 2.3 million books in print and the bestselling *Squish* series. Jenni and Matt's newest graphic novel, *SUNNY SIDE UP*, was published by Graphix/Scholastic in August



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The *Sir Wrinkles* books are about a cute bulldog and the adventures he has as he is adopted into a loving home and goes to school. Engaging presentations include a book reading with enlarged copies of the illustrations, as well as discussions with visuals on the writing and publishing process. She usually spends a full day at a school presenting to grades preK-5. She donates profits from her book sales to Kids N Cancer camps and other child related charities. Fee negotiable.



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Derek the Ghost is an eleven-year-old ghost who haunts the classrooms and hallways of Scary School, writing down all the spine-tingling, often hilarious things that go on there. He is the author of *Scary School*, *Scary School #2: Monsters on the March*, and *Scary School #3: The Northern Frights*. Derek discusses the importance of reading and writing in his fun and interactive presentations. Presentations can last anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour. Grades: K-8. Fee negotiable.



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Kazu Kibuishi is the author/illustrator of the New York Times Bestselling *Anulet* graphic novel series and the award winning graphic novel *Daisy Cutter: The Last Train*. He is also the editor/art director/cover artist of the *Explorer* and *Flight* comic anthologies. During his presentation, Kazu will set up his electric drawing tablet and paint/draw for the group as he speaks. He will talk for about an hour then take questions and sign books. Grades: 3-7. Fee: \$2000 per day.



D.J. MacHale.....
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D.J. MacHale is a writer, director, executive producer and creator of several popular television series and movies. As an author, his ten-volume book series, *Pendragon: Journal of an Adventure Through Time and Space*, became a New York Times #1 bestseller. His presentation includes a 30 minute powerpoint that tells his story of becoming a writer. It's a presentation about the challenges one faces when they choose a creative career, learning to think outside of the box, and not taking no for an answer. Grades: 5-8. Fee: \$1500 (includes a couple of presentations and any other events that the school would like.)



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Leslie Margolis is the award-winning author of a bunch of books for young readers, including the Maggie Brooklyn Mystery Series, and five Annabelle Unleashed novels. The first *Boys Are Dogs*, was turned into the Disney Channel movie *Zapped* last summer. Leslie's latest book, *IF I WERE YOU*, was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in May of 2015. Leslie has spoken at schools, libraries, book festivals, graduations, and more. She offers a fun and lively multi-media presentation that includes an interactive mystery-writing workshop. She can speak for 30-60 minutes, depending on your time frame. Grades 2-8. See website for details. Fee: \$1,800/ day



Michelle Markel.....
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Michelle's books span a variety of genres: fiction, nonfiction (alphabet and biography), and creative nonfiction. She is a founding member of The Children's Authors Network and teaches classes in writing for young people for UCLA Extension's Writer's Program. Michelle's presentations go behind the scenes of the publication process. She will talk about the fun of research, challenges of revisions, and working with illustrators and editors. Grades: K-6. Fee: \$700 for a full day.



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The author of *Ridin' Dinos with Buck Bronco*, *Dinosaur Woods*, and *Night of the Veggie Monster* gives book-themed presentations about the writing and development process with Q&A and a drawing demonstration. Grades: K-2, but can be adapted for older groups. Fee negotiable.



Shannon Messenger.....
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She is the author of the *Keeper of the Lost Cities* series for the middle grades, and the *Sky Fall* series for young adults. She can tailor her presentations for a large school assembly or a smaller more intimate classroom/ library setting. Shannon will also be offering Skype sessions with schools, libraries, and book clubs. Grades: 3- High School. Fee negotiable.



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He is the author of *You Can't Have My Planet. But Take My Brother Please*. James is committed to empowering children to make a difference in the world. James presentations are tons of fun, highly entertaining, and inspire children to take an interest in their environment. Grades 3- 6. Contact for fee.



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She is the author of *Zoe's Room*, *Zoe's Jungle*, *Zoe Gets Ready*, *Snippet the Early Riser*, *Buglette the Messy Sleeper*, and *I Feel Five*. Her presentations are very visual and somewhat interactive. Bethanie keeps her presentation focused on imagination, generating ideas, and details about her life as an author/illustrator. Grades: K-2. Fee: \$1,000 per day for up to three presentations



Michael Mullin..... (626)696-9416
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Larry and Pete's travels take them to Los Angeles, and once again Larry gets lost! But not to worry-there's plenty to do in this new city. As he searches for Pete, Larry visits some amazing places, from wild Venice Beach to stately Beverly Hills, from exciting Disneyland to the icky La Brea Tar Pits. Eventually, the two reunite, but not before Larry-and the reader-has had a great adventure. Fee: \$350 doesn't increase regardless of how many groups I talk to: Grades: K-2



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She is the author of *The Kite that Bridged Two Nations*, *Loud Emily*, and *The Recess Queen*. During her presentations she demonstrates the many ways to express stories through the use of props, music, and audience participation. She strives to get kids fired up about reading and teaches them how to research, write, and revise their writing. Grades: K-6. Fee: \$975.



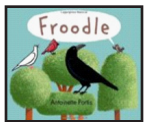
Barbara Odanaka.....
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The author of *A Crazy Day at the Critter Cafe*, and *Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash!* has been featured in over 200 media outlets including *Good Morning America*, *National Public Radio*, *LA Times*, and *USA Today*. She mixes dazzling skateboard tricks with an inspiring presentation on the importance of reading and writing. Students never forget her finale: a (safe) skateboard lesson for the principal or librarian! Grades: All. Fee: \$550-\$1,275.



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Nicola O'Byrne debut picture book, *Open Very Carefully*, made the 2015 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award List, was long listed for the Kate Greenaway Medal and won Best Picturebook at the Waterstones Children's Book Awards 2014. Presentations can be tailored to the age group and usually consist of storytime (in costume), an interactive drawing demonstration, and a discussion about how picture books are made. I have done drawing exercises, basic book making and character development with older age groups. See website for details. Fee is negotiable.



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Antoinette's first book, *Not a Box*, was a *New York Times* Best-seller, a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book, and a 2007 Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor Book. Her school presentations include reading from one of her books and an activity tailored specifically to that book. For grades 2-5, Antoinette will prepare a talk and slide presentation. Grades: K-5. Fee: \$500 for half a day in up to 3 classrooms, \$500 for a talk and slide presentation to an auditorium of up to 300 2nd-5th graders.



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Lissa Price's debut novel, *Starters*, is an international bestseller published in over thirty countries, with praise from Kami Garcia and Harlan Ellison. Dean Koontz called this young adult futuristic thriller a smart, swift, inventive, altogether gripping story. *Starters* has appeared on many Best Of... lists and won top awards in the Netherlands, Germany, and France. Grades: Middle School & High School. Contact for fee.



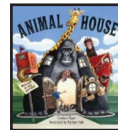
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James Raney grew up in Europe, Latin America, and Africa, leaving him with a lifelong love of adventure that shines through his *Jim Morgan* Trilogy, a critically-acclaimed swashbuckling, magical, pirate romp, filled with danger, laughter, and heart. His presentation on the joy of reading and writing is loaded with humor and audience participation, and concludes with a reading from one of his books. Best for Grades 3 - 8. Fee Negotiable.
. See website for details. Fee: \$1,800/ day



Chris Robertson..... (323) 493-2497
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Chris Robertson is an author/illustrator of Children's Picture Books. His most recent book is *Giraffes Ruin Everything* from Bloomsbury and is set for an August 16 release. Chris's other books include *Harry and the Hot Lava*, *My Yellow Umbrella*, *I'll Trade My Peanut-Butter Sandwich*, and *Little Miss Liberty*. Chris's whimsical cartoon style feels light-hearted and carefree which seems to perfectly match his humorous writing style. \$500 (fee may vary in exchange for opportunity to sell books). 25 mi radius from Pasadena.



Candace Ryan.....
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This author of *Animal House*, *Rabbit Rabbit*, and *Moo Hoo* will engage young audiences in an interactive story time that is simultaneously fun and educational. She can also incorporate an art activity into her visit. Grades: PreK-4. Contact for fee.



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Barney is a children's author/illustrator and musical performer whose book titles include *Crazy Hair Day*, *Chengdu Could Not, Would Not Fall Asleep*, *Beautiful Oops*, and *A Little Bit of Oomph*. He offers assemblies for grades K-8 which inspire students to write stories, create art, and make music. Contact for fee.



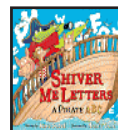
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Kirk Scroggs writes and illustrates the popular *Wiley and Grampa's Creature Features* series, the *Tales of the Sixth Grade Muppet* series, and the new *Snoopy Troop* series. His presentations include slide shows, a talk and draw, and the opportunity for the kids to create a chapter of their own. He also offers workshops where he will teach the kids how to draw their own comic book characters. Grades: 1-5. Fee: \$500-\$700 (depending on the number of sessions and the location of the school.)



Erica Silverman..... (323) 223-4810
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She is the author of the early reader series *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* (Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor Book), and numerous picturebooks including *Don't Fidget a Feather* (California Young Reader Medal), *Liberty's Voice*, and the perennially popular *Big Pumpkin Talks*. Her presentation topics include *From Idea to Picture Book*; *Working with Folklore and The Writing Process*; *Researching History*. Grades: K-6, parents, teachers, and librarians. Fee varies. Call for details.



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Some of her books include *Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC* and *The Goodnight Train*. June offers interactive workshops for children of all ages with props and audience participation. A picturebook writing workshop would also be available for older students. Grades K-8. Contact for fee.



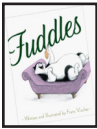
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Tracy grew up in Connecticut and attended Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. After college she moved to Los Angeles where she wrote for McGraw-Hill. *The Wish Stealers* is her first book for children. Tracy is available for school presentations in all areas. Her presentation is suited for grades 1-6. Contact for fee.



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Janet does lots of school visits, giving group presentations for grades 4-12. Most often, Janet comes to schools where the students have read at least one of her novels. She usually does a PowerPoint presentation that covers how she became a writer, the different novels she's written, how she came up with stories and characters, her writing process, and how she came to love research and revising really! Most schools require two presentations, usually in the morning
See website for details. Fee: negotiable



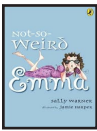
Frans Vischer.....(818) 429-4149
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Inspired by the antics of his enormous and lovable cat, Frans created *Fuddles*, a story about a pampered, fat cat seeking an adventure, and *A Very Fuddles Christmas*. Frans is also an animator at the Disney studio. During his presentation he will show students drawings he has done. Presentations can be geared towards any age group. Fee: \$500 for a full day.



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She's a former teacher-turned-author of 25 award-winning books including *101 Ways to Bug Your Parents*, *101 Ways to Bug Your Teacher*, *Corey's Fire*, and *Won Ton*. She provides lively interactive workshops and presentations for grades K-8. There are also programs available for educators and parents. See website for details. Fee: \$1,500/ day plus expenses.



Sally Warner.....(626) 398-4109
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The author of the popular *Emma* series, and many other titles, offers entertaining and lively classroom and small group presentations that usually include slides, brief readings from books, interactive cartooning/illustrations, and Q&A. Grades: 2-8 and adult. Fee: \$850/ full day, \$525/ half day, \$350/ evening parents presentation plus travel.



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She's a UCLA extension teacher, poet, and author of several picturebooks and the award-winning novel in poems for teens and tweens *Girl Coming in for a Landing: A Novel in Poems*. Her zippy, inspiring workshops provide lots of energy and great visuals for big assemblies. She also loves teaching poetry to small groups of older elementary school, middle school, and high school students. Grades: K-12. See website for fees.



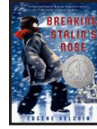
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