

Directory of Local Authors & Illustrators Who Visit Schools 2022-2023

Authors and illustrators in this Directory are published by mainstream publishers. Their books are reviewed and available through regular outlets. Check authors' websites for a full list of their publications and program fees. *This list was compiled by the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Central-Coastal Region.*

KEY: Genre of Books: F = Fiction, NF = Nonfiction, PB = Picture Book, CB = Chapter Book, MG = Middle Grade, YA = Young Adult
Audience Preference: Elem = Elementary School, MS = Middle School, HS = High School

Author	Website	E-mail	Genre of Books	Audience Preference #1 and #2	Books & Publishers (Check website for more titles)
CALIFORNIA					
Central-Coastal Region					
Nikki Barthelmess	www.nikkibarthelmess.com	nikkibarthelmess@gmail.com	F / YA	HS / MS	The Quiet You Carry (Flux/North Star Editions) Everything Within and In Between (HarperTeen/HarperCollins)
Elizabeth Foscue	www.elizabethfoscue.com	foscuefiction@gmail.com	F / YA	HS / MS	Pest (Turner)
Joan Bransfield Graham	www.joangraham.com	joanbgraham@sbcglobal.net	F, NF / PB, MG	Elem / MS	The Poem That Will Not End: Fun with Poetic Forms and Voices (Amazon/Two Lions) Flicker Flash (Clarion/HarperCollins)
Bruce Hale	www.brucehale.com	writerguy@brucehale.com	F / PB, CB, MG, Tween	Elem	Switched (Scholastic) Clark the Shark (HarperCollins)
Valerie Hobbs	www.valeriehobbs.com	Valhobbs@cox.net	F / MG, YA	MS / Elem	Sheep (Farrar, Straus and Giroux) Wolf (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
Kate Hovey	www.KateHovey.com	katehovey2@gmail.com	F / PB, MG	MS / HS	Voices of the Trojan War (Margaret K. McElderry Books) Arachne Speaks (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
Patrice Karst	www.patricekarst.com	patrice@patricekarst.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	The Invisible String (Little Brown) The Invisible Web (Little Brown)
Allison Crotzer Kimmel	www.allisoncrotzerkimmel.com	allisoncrotzer@hotmail.com	NF / PB	Elem / HS	Unbeatable Betty (HarperCollins) The Eternal Soldier (Little Bee Books)
Lisa Kerr	www.lisakerrbooks.com	thelisakerr@gmail.com	NF / PB	Elem / MS	Wake, Sleepy One (West Margin Press)
Rebecca Langston-George	www.rebeccalangston-george.com	rebeccalangstongeorge@gmail.com	NF / PB, MG, YA	MS / Elem	The Booth Brothers: Drama, Fame, and the Death of President Lincoln (Capstone Press) For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story (Capstone Press).

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sharon Lovejoy	www.sharonlovejoy.com	sharon@sharonlovejoy.com	F, NF / PB,CB	Elem / MS	Running Out of Night (Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House) Roots Shoots Buckets & Boots (Workman Publishing)
Claire Annette Noland	www.claireannettenoland.com	claireannette1@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / Elem	Evie's Field Day: More Than One Way to Win (Cardinal Rule Press) George Makes a Splash (series) (Valley Children's Hospital Press)
Alexis O'Neill	www.alexisonNeill.com	AlexisInCA@aol.com	F, NF / PB	Elem / MS	The Recess Queen (Scholastic Press) The Efficient, Inventive (Often Annoying) Melvil Dewey (Calkins Creek/Astra)
Mark Parsons	www.markhparsons.com/	polarproductions@charter.net	F / Tween, YA	MS / HS	The 9:09 Project (Delacorte/Random House) Road Rash (Knopf/Random House)
Sarah Scheerger	www.sarahlynnbooks.com	sscheerger@yahoo.com	F / PB,CB, MG, YA	Elem / MS	Operation Frog Effect (Penguin Random House) Mitzvah Pizza (Kar-Ben/Lerner)
Sherry Shahan	www.sherrysshahan.com	kidbooks@thegrid.net	F, NF / PB,CB, MG, YA	Elem / Elem	Frozen Stiff (Random House/Yearling) Death Mountain (Peachtree)
Shari Swanson	www.shariswanson.com	Shari@shariswanson.com	NF / PB	Elem / MS	Honey, The Dog Who Saved Abe Lincoln (Harper Collins/Katherine Tegen Books)
Erik Talkin	www.eriktalkin.com	etalkin@me.com	F, NF / PB	Elem / MS	Lulu and the Hunger Monster (Free Spirit)
Judith E. Torres	www.judithetorres.com	jtorres888@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / HS	An Alphabet Pet Parade in Topsy-Turvy Town, Population 26 (ASHA Press)
Patricia Toht	www.patriciatoht.com	pattytoht@gmail.com	F, NF / PB	Elem	Pick a Pumpkin (Candlewick Press) Dress Like a Girl (HarperCollins)
Greg Trine	www.gregtrine.com	gjtrine@gmail.com	F / CB, MG, YA	Elem / MS	Melvin Beederman Superhero (Henry Holt) Willy Maykit in Space (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
Wendelin Van Draanen	www.wendelinvand.com/	shreddergirl@charter.net	F, NF / PB, CB, MG, Tween, YA	MS / Elem	Flipped (Knopf/Random House) The Running Dream (Knopf/Random House)
Ms. Lee Wardlaw	www.leewardlaw.com	author@leewardlaw.com	F, NF / PB,CB, MG, Tween, YA	MS / Elem	101 Ways to Bug your Teacher (Puffin Books) Won Ton - A Cat Tale Told in Haiku (Holt)

Author	Website	E-mail	Genre of Books	Audience Preference #1 and #2	Books & Publishers (Check website for more titles)
Jaime Zollars	www.jaimezollars.com	jaime@jaimezollars.com	F, NF / PB,CB, MG, YA	Elem / MS	The Truth About Dragons (Little Brown) The Night Frolic (Illustrator), (Little Brown).
CALIFORNIA					
Los Angeles Region					
Heather Alexander	www.heatheralexanderbooks.com	heather@heatheralexanderbooks.com	F, NF / CB, MG	Elem / MS	In California: Weird & Wonderful Facts About the Golden State (WideEyed/Quarto) Eat Bugs: Project StartUp (Penguin)
Caroline Arnold	www.carolinearnold.com	csarnoldbooks@yahoo.com	F, NF / PB, MG	Elem / MS	Keeper of the Light: Juliet Fish Nichols Fights the San Francisco Fog (Cameron Kids/Abrams) Planting a Garden in Room 6: From Seeds to Salad (Charlesbridge)
Nell Cross Beckerman	www.NellCrossBeckerman.com	nellbeckerman@gmail.com	F, NF / PB	Elem / Elem	Caves (Scholastic) When the Sky Glows (Simon & Schuster)
Anne Bollman	www.AnneWasHere.com	annebollman@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	Help Find Frank (Union Square & Co.)
Joe Cepeda	www.joecepeda.com	joe@joecepeda.com	F, NF / PB, CB, MG	Elem / HS	Rafa Counts on Papa (Little Brown) I Hop (Holiday House)
Maureen Charles	www.maureencharles.com	maureen@maureencharles.com	NF / YA	HS / MS	Music Mavens: 15 Women of Note in the Industry (Chicago Review Press)
Danielle Davis	www.danielledavisreadsandwrites.com	danielledaviswrites@me.com	F / PB, MG	Elem / MS	To Make (HarperCollins)
Amy Duchene	www.amyduchene.com	amyduchene@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	Pool Party (Cameron Kids)
Cassandra Federman	www.cassandrafederman.com	cassandrafederman@gmail.com	F, NF / PB	Elem / MS	This is a Sea Cow (Albert Whitman & Co.) This is a Seahorse (Albert Whitman & Co.)
Margaret Finnegan	www.margaretfinnegan.com	margaret@margaretfinnegan.com	F / MG	Elem / MS	We Could Be Heroes (Atheneum) Susie B. Won't Back Down (Atheneum)
Cambria Gordon	www.cambrialgordon.com	cambrialgordon@gmail.com	F, NF / YA	HS	The Poetry of Secrets (Scholastic Press)
Moni Ritchie Hadley	www.moniritchie.com	moni500@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	The Star Festival (Albert Whitman & Co.)
Andrea J. Loney	andrealoney.com	andrealoney@gmail.com	F, NF / PB,CB, MG, Tween	Elem / HS	BunnyBear (Albert Whitman & Co.) Double Bass Blues (Penguin Random House Knopf)

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Annelouise Mahoney	www.woodlandabbey.com	AnnelouiseMahoney@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	Julius And Macy: A Very Brave Night (Two Lions)
Jorjeana Marie	www.jorjeanamarie.com	comedyismagic@gmail.com	F / Tween, YA	MS / Elem	Improv for Writers (Penguin Random House)
Dana Middleton	www.danamiddletonbooks.com	dana@danamiddletonbooks.com	F / MG, Tween	MS / Elem	Not a Unicorn (Chronicle Books) The Infinity Year of Avalon James (Feiwel & Friends)
Charlotte Offsay	www.charlotteoffsay.com	Coffsay@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem	A Grandma's Magic (Doubleday/Random House) The Big Beach Cleanup (Albert Whitman)
Mirelle Ortega	www.mirelleortega.com	ortega.mirelle@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	Magic: Once Upon a Faraway Land (Cameron Books)
Jennie Palmer	www.jenniepalmers.com	jenniepalmersstudio@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem / MS	The Wompananny Witches Make One Mean Pizza (Abrams) Milo's Christmas Parade (Abrams)
Eve Porinchak	www.EvePorinchak.com	eveporinchak@gmail.com	NF / YA	HS / MS	One Cut ((Simon and Schuster/Simon Teen/Pulse)
Shaina Rudolph	www.shainarudolph.com	Shainaru@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem	All My Stripes (Magination Press) Brilliant Bea (Magination Press)
Benson Shum	bensonshum.com	benson.shum@gmail.com	F / PB	Elem	Anzu The Great Kaiju (Macmillan) Alex's Good Fortune (Penguin Random House)
Karol Ruth Silverstein	www.karolruthsilverstein.com	karol@karolruthsilverstein.com	F / YA	HS / MS	Cursed (Charlesbridge Teen)
Sherri L. Smith	www.sherrilsmith.com	letters@sherrilsmith.com	F, NF / PB, MG, YA	MS / HS	The Blossom and the Firefly (G.P. Putnam's Sons) What Is the Civil Rights Movement? (Penguin)
Laura Stegman	www.laurastegman.com	laurastegmanauthor@gmail.com	F / MG	MS / HS	Summer of L.U.C.K. (Young Dragons Press)
Christine Van Zandt	christinevanzandt.com	christinevanzandtauthor@gmail.com	NF / PB	Elem	A Brief History of Underpants (becker&mayer kids!)
Chelsea Lin Wallace	www.chelsealinwallace.com	Me@chelsealinwallace.com	F / PB	Elem	A Home Named Walter (Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan)
Eugene Yelchin	www.eugeneyelchin.com	eugeneyelchin@gmail.com	F, NF / PB, MG, YA	MS / Elem	Breaking Stalin's Nose (Holt) The Genius Under the Table (Candlewick)