

Author visits are like a field trip without the squishy bus ride!

Imagine a visit where learning and fun collide in one *Kincredible* experience. Get ready for an adventure in reading, writing, and creativity! Plus, I can tailor my visits to fit any curriculum topic you choose.

Your students will be having so much fun, they won't even realize they're learning—our little secret. Let's connect and create a customized program that will captivate your students and make their day Kinteresting!

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CHILDREN'S AUTHOR, READING ADVOCATE & SPEAKER BRINGING LAUGHTER & LITERACY TO BILLIONS!

I remember when letters became words, and words became sentences, and finally sentences became stories for me. Pure magic! Not only did I have the key to learning and entertainment, but I also discovered "LMNO" was *not* a word describing "P". Life-changing really.

It's also why I write for children. I get to share that magic!

My career started with one idea for a book in 2005. I joined the Society for Children's Book Writers & Illustrators and learned everything I could about the children's book market. Soon I had many book ideas, and I started writing them. I joined a critique group to receive & give feedback. I attended conferences and workshops to keep learning. I entered contests. I submitted to publishers, and earned my first short-story contract with *Highlights for Children* magazine in 2006. I've also published crafts, and recipes there.

Entrepreneurial at heart, I began an independent publishing company in 2018, and have published seven titles to date. My books are written for readers in pre-school through fifth grade, but I have visited elementary, middle and high schools to encourage reading and writing with outstanding feedback.





In 2024, I began the REACH (Reading Establishes A Connection Home) movement to promote reading as a solution to the epidemic of loneliness while strengthening intergenerational connections and reading skills. Will you be part of the solution and help your young readers REACH out through the powerful connection of a story?

Moo-La-La-Ti-Da!

Picture Book, Recommended Ages 4-9



MY BOOKS

Ella Bella Bovine takes the bull by the horns and makes some improvements around the farm. She dips her tail in dazzling paint and transforms it from simple to superb. *Moo-la-ti-da!* Most of her friends love the changes and line up to for makeovers at Ella Bella's Moo-Tique, but Shania shies away.

Can friends stay friends even if they are different? You bet your cow tail they can! Being unique is what makes us all so moo-velous. Paperback ISBN: 978-1-951546-12-0

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ENOUGH
ABOUT
THE AUTHOR.
LET'S TALK
ABOUT ME.
I'M YOUR
GIRL...
KINZIE!

Kinzie's Kinventions is a young chapter book series with a beakerful of STEAM, a sprinkle of mischief and a heaping dose of humor.

WARNING: May inspire some children to consider a STEAM career, spark a love for reading in others, and is likely to cause uproarious laughter in almost all children.

With Kinzie, you never know what you might get! Readers of the Junie B. Jones series will likely love Kinzie and her Kintastic Kinventions.



Book 1 Kinzie's Got Talent

It's talent show time, and Kinzie could win a real pretend-gold trophy! There's only one problem. Kinzie can't find her talent.

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Book 2 Earth to Kinzie

Her sister tells Kinzie she's from Jupiter, and Kinzie's space parents are taking her back in three days. Finally, no more know-it-all big sister or wobbly-bobbly headed baby brother!

But what if she misses her Earth parents or pets? Or...what if Kinzie's sister is just tricking her?

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Book 3 Kinzie and the P.U. Zoo



What's worse than pink-eye keeping rivals Kinzie and Ben from the field trip to the zoo? Ben must stay at Kinzie's house while his mom is at work. And there's no time to make a Kinvention to stop that.

Since they can't go to the zoo, they decide to make a zoo in Kinzie's backyard instead. What could possibly go wrong with that idea?

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Series Recommended Ages 6-9 Claw & Order: Fairy Goose Unit is a young chapter book mystery series. Kirkus Reviews says "...For children who know their nursery rhymes and classic fairy tales, the references to familiar characters will be exciting and enchanting. This simple work may serve well as a child's first chapter book, and the coziness and mystery elements are likely to make it an enduring favorite. ~Kirkus Reviews

Book #1 The Pignapping



This time, the little piggy couldn't go wee-wee all the way home from school. Instead, a big, bad ransom note points to a pignapping! Fairy Goose Unit detectives Clawed McDiddle and Allie O' Dumpling search for clues to bring home the bacon. But can they solve this mystery so the Swine family can live hogfully ever after?

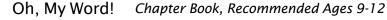
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Book #2 Stolen, Golden Goose Eggs

Fowl play! Jack and the Beanstalk's goose and all her precious golden eggs are missing. Fairy Goose Unit Ducktectives Jack B. Quack and Hickety Pickety McChickety won't rest when there's been an egg-napping from the nest. They put their birdbrains together to find suspects. But will they quack...er, I mean, *crack* the case, or are they on a wild goose chase?

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When Zander's parents open an animal clinic in the mountains of Pennsylvania, Zander must start fifth grade miles from everything he knows.

With the help of his dog Bowden and a few new friends, Zander feels like his new home might be okay. That is, until he gets his first school project- choosing a word to describe himself and his goals. Zander, blurts out, "Boomerang." He worries he's fumbled the assignment and wonders if Pennsylvania will ever feel like home.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What can students expect during an author visit?

I tailor visits to the individual school's needs so visits are not one-size-fits-all. Students can look forward to an engaging, interactive session where I share my journey as an author/publisher, read from my books, and possibly even tie into an area of the curriculum that you've identified. Expect fun activities and games that bring the stories to life!

How long does a typical author's visit last?

A typical visit lasts about an hour per session and can be reserved as half or full day visits with multiple sessions. I can adjust the length to fit your school's schedule and needs.

What age groups or grade levels do you visit?

I visit students from kindergarten through fifth grade, tailoring each session to be age-appropriate and engaging. Additionally, I have spoken to middle schools and high schools about various writing topics and what it's like to be an author and have received outstanding feedback from teachers of all levels.

Do you offer virtual author visits as well?

Yes, I offer both in-person and virtual author visits. Virtual visits are a great option for schools that are far away or have logistical constraints.

What kind of activities do you include during your visit?

Activities include interactive read-alouds, Q&A sessions, writing topics, and creative games related to my books. My goal is to make reading and storytelling fun for everyone.

Can you tailor your visit to fit specific curriculum topics or themes?

Absolutely! I'm happy to customize my visit to align with specific curriculum topics or themes. Just let me know your requirements in advance, and the size of the group(s) to whom I will be presenting.

Can students purchase books during the visit? Yes, students can buy signed copies of my books. I provide order forms in advance so books can be ordered and signed before the visit, then delivered the day of the visit so students have a "souvenir".

How do you engage students who may not be avid readers?

I use humor, interactive storytelling, and relatable topics to capture the interest of all students, including those who may not be avid readers. My goal is to bring laughter and literacy to billions of kids. Avid reader or not, here I come!

How far in advance should we book an author visit?

It's best to book an author's visit at least 2-3 months in advance to ensure availability and allow time for customization & preparations.

Is there a cost associated with your author visits, and what does it include? Yes, there is a fee for my author visits, which includes the presentation, activities, and any materials provided. I can provide a detailed breakdown and discuss options based on your budget. For schools greater than 60 miles from Venice, Florida,

Do you provide any materials or resources for teachers to use before or after the visit?

Yes, I provide discussion questions, activity guides, and follow-up projects to extend the learning experience before and after my visit. Author visits are most successful when students are at least familiar with the author's books, so I encourage reading together.

Can students ask questions during the visit?

travel expenses will apply as necessary.

I encourage students to ask questions at the end of the presentation in an interactive Q&A format. This allows for meaningful interaction and engagement without disrupting the flow of the presentation. I also try to make my session interactive throughout to keep students engaged.

What inspired you to start doing author visits to schools?

My passion for reading and writing was ignited by my very enthusiastic eight grade English teacher who brought authors to visit our school. I hope to fuel that passion for the next generation. I believe that connecting with students directly can have a significant impact on their love for reading.

How do your author visits support literacy and encourage reading among students? My visits support literacy by making reading fun and relatable. I emphasize the joy of storytelling and encourage students to see themselves as readers and writers. I also provide resources and ideas for continuing the excitement about books beyond my visit.

Are there any special requirements or preparations needed by the school before your visit?

The school should ensure a suitable space for the presentation, arrange necessary technology, and distribute book order forms if students wish to buy signed copies. I also appreciate receiving a schedule and any specific requests in advance.

Can you incorporate a workshop or interactive activity for students during your visit? Yes, I can incorporate workshops or interactive activities such as creative writing exercises, character creation, or storytelling games. These activities are designed to be fun and educational.

How do you manage large groups or multiple classes at once?

I can present to large groups or multiple classes at once by using a microphone and ensuring that activities are engaging and inclusive. For very large groups or for different age groups, we might break the visit into multiple sessions to ensure a more interactive experience or plan to have multiple activity stations with the help of teachers/staff following a mainstage author presentation.

Kinzie's Sweet STEM Challenge

Kinteractive Science for Real Whiz Kids!

How many candy corn can you stack before they fall?

MATERIALS:

- 60-75 pieces of Candy Corn per person in individual bags or bowls
- A flat surface to build upon

KINSTRUCTIONS:

Stack the candy corn in a circle to resemble an ear of corn. The base (bottom) must have at least 10 pieces of candy corn. Continue to stack corn building upon the base. When your stack falls or any pieces fall in to the center, stop and count how many pieces of candy corn you were able to stack successfully. You might make this even more challenging by adding a time limit or making it a competition between stackers.

ENGINEER DESIGN PROCESS: IMPROVE WHAT WOULD MAKE THIS WORK BETTER?

One important step when engineering (building) something is to think about how to make the design better for next time. Can you think of anything you could have tried to be able to stack the corn taller?

TAKE A SURVEY

Ask at least 15 people and tally the results.

Which way do you eat candy corn?

- 1. I eat the whole piece at once.
- 2. I eat the narrow white end first.
- 3. I eat the wide yellow end first.

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MY SCIENCE NOTES:



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PENNY WAR!

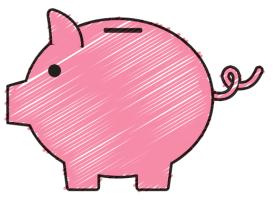
YOUR LOOSE CHANGE CAN HELP US FUND A FUN-FILLED VISIT FROM CHILDREN'S AUTHOR DONNA BOOCK!

Bring in your pennies for your classroom's container. For every penny in your jar, 1 point will be ADDED for your class.

BUT...BEWARE!

Classrooms can sabotage one another by adding other coins or bills into the another's container. Points will be SUBTRACTED for coins/bills that are not pennies!

PENNY = ADD 1 POINT
NICKEL = SUBTRACT 5 POINTS
DIME = SUBTRACT 10 POINTS
QUARTER = SUBTRACT 25 POINTS
DOLLAR = SUBTRACT 100 POINTS





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