

Virtual Author Visits

Problem: Due to a pesky pandemic, teachers can't invite authors into their classrooms

Solution: Virtual author visits!

Author visits are a great literacy booster, with the potential to get students excited about both reading and writing. As a former teacher (31 years!), I love to get back out into classrooms to connect with my readers. But of course we're living in an unprecedented reality, so we need to be creative.

Video author visits (via Zoom, Duo, etc.) are a great solution. In a typical 40-minute session, I read from *Space Cadets*, take students' questions* and ask a few of my own. We always have lots of great discussion about writing and reading!

**Teachers often prep their students in advance, leading to questioning related to what's been happening in recent Language Arts classes.*

Other options:

- "What Could Go Wrong?": a 3-Part Story-Writing Workshop
3 mini-lessons (20 minutes each, spread over 3 days). By the end, your students will have a story outline ready to go, along with the experience of having walked through a foolproof method for generating great story ideas.
- A specific session related to a particular writing outcome as requested by the teacher (ideal for reinforcing concepts developed by you in class)
- Several mentoring sessions spread out over the school year, providing opportunities to discuss students' questions, struggles and successes with their writing. The possibilities are almost endless, and customized for each class at the direction of the teacher.

Fees:

As an independently-published author, I try to balance my need for a minimal income to support my writing habit 😊 with a former teacher's awareness of the meagreness of school budgets.

- Standard author visit
\$50 for 40 minutes (*but FREE for any teacher going through Space Cadets as a read aloud with their students*)
- "What Could Go Wrong?"
\$100 for 3 sessions
- Specific, customized session
\$100 for 40 minutes
- Mentoring
Typically \$200 for 3 sessions, but may vary depending on exactly what is required; pricing to be agreed upon after initial consultation