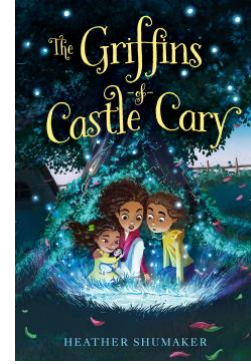




Heather Shumaker

Author Visit Programs



A Book is Born - Assembly

Grades 3-7; 45 minutes – 1 hour

Go behind-the-scenes and discover how an author creates a book. Heather shares how to ‘think like an author’ and turn events and feelings from daily life into ideas for stories. A playful mix of writing and inspiration, this presentation covers plot and revision, vocabulary building and research (even for fiction). Get a glimpse of Heather's path to becoming an author, from first books in elementary school to published books. Ask questions, get a sneak peek at her next book, and catch the excitement about books.

Q & A - Chat with the Author

All ages. ~ 30 minutes Ask about writing workshops for class-sized groups

Ask the author questions about the *Griffins* book, writing books, publishing and more. Bring your curiosity and get ready for a fun, informal time together. For aspiring young authors and creative types who come up with characters named Xrshplyness. Also a great choice for classes who’ve read the *Griffins* together. Great ready to inspire new writers.

“Thanks so much for being awesome! The kids said that of all the author visits they’ve had, that you taught them most about writing and knowing you weren’t instantly successful was the most inspiring.” – Jennifer Fruk, children’s librarian

“Everyone loved the presentations, kids and teachers. So unique and engaging!”
– Dana Frank, school librarian

“Fantastic. The kids were so engaged. Loved your story cape and how you explained story ideas. Just what teachers want!” – Martha Topol, school librarian

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Heather is the author of *The Griffins of Castle Cary*. A mystery/ adventure book for ages 8-12 published by Simon & Schuster.

“Nothing can stop the intrepid young Griffins. Secrets, danger, and plenty of humor abound in Shumaker’s clever debut.” ~ Gloria Whelan, National Book Award winner

“A rollicking mystery about the yearnings to be seen, and the love and empathy required to see. It kept me guessing until the very end. I loved it.”
~ Jack Cheng, author of *See You in the Cosmos*

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