

Allison Gutknecht School Visits 2017-2018

Don't Wear Polka-Dot Underwear with White Pants (and Other Lessons I've Learned)
A Cast Is the Perfect Accessory (and Other Lessons I've Learned)
Never Wear Red Lipstick on Picture Day (and Other Lessons I've Learned)
Pizza Is the Best Breakfast (and Other Lessons I've Learned)
The Bling Queen
Spring Break Mistake
Sing Like Nobody's Listening (to be published 1/16/18)
All books published by Aladdin/Simon and Schuster.

Overview:

My presentation consists of:

- a brief bit about my background, including a section on who I wanted to be when I grew up (i.e. encouraging the students to follow their individual passions);
- a description of where I get ideas for stories and how I bring those ideas to life, using my books as specific examples;
- a longer section on the writing process, as related to the students' own lives/writing.

I end with a Q&A, and I also always have book-specific bookmarks to give to all of the students to whom I present.

My regular presentation lasts 50 minutes, including the Q&A, though I usually do a shorter session for kindergarten and/or first grade (25 minutes). I can do up to three presentations during the course of the day, or in place of one of the presentations, I'm willing to do a writing workshop with a small group of students (the workshop tends to work best with third or fourth graders).

Pricing & Scheduling:

My rate for schools is a \$500 honorarium for up to three presentations, plus travel expenses. If your school is within 75 minutes of Voorhees, NJ, there is no additional fee for travel. (Note: I live primarily in New York City (Manhattan), so for schools in the NYC area, I only require a car service/Uber to/from the school). Please note that I only book school visits on Fridays.

Book Ordering:

I ask schools to make my books available for the students to order beforehand, and I sign the books while at the school that day. Books can be ordered from your local bookstore, which provide discounts for bulk orders (usually 20%). The Mandy Berr series is aimed at 7-10-year-olds; *The Bling Queen*, *Spring Break Mistake*, and *Sing Like Nobody's Listening* are aimed at 9-13-year-olds.

Photos:

Photographs from previous school visits can be found on my website under "Past Events," if you would like a visual of how the day usually goes: http://allisongutknecht.com/News_Events.html

Questions:

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have concerning my school visits at allison@allisongutknecht.com. References from previous school visit locations are also available upon request.