

Allison Gutknecht School Visits



Books:

Pet Pals series (5-8-year-olds):

Mitzy's Homecoming; Luna's Obedience School; Buttons's Talent Show; Gus's Escape

Mandy Berr series (6-9-year-olds):

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)

Standalone Novels (9-13-year-olds):

The Bling Queen; Spring Break Mistake; Sing Like Nobody's Listening

All books published by Aladdin/Simon and Schuster.

Overview:

My presentation includes:

- my background, including who I wanted to be when I grew up (i.e. following your passions);
- how I come up with story ideas and bring those ideas to life, using my books as examples;
- the writing process, as related to the students' own lives/writing; and
- Q&A.

My presentation can be adjusted for grades K-8 lasts 45 minutes, including the Q&A. In place of the presentation, for kindergarten, I can a short read-aloud. I will do up to three presentations during the course of the day, or in place of one of the presentations, I will do a writing workshop with a small group of students (the workshop works best with third or fourth graders).

Pricing:

My rate for schools is a \$1000 honorarium for up to three presentations, plus travel expenses. For schools within 75 minutes of Voorhees, NJ, there is no additional fee for travel. (Note: I live in NYC, so for schools in or close to the city, please ask about expenses.)

Scheduling:

I usually only book school visits on Fridays. When possible, I prefer for the presentations to be scheduled back-to-back in the morning.

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. Books can be ordered from your local bookstore, which provide discounts for bulk orders (usually 20%).

Photos:

Photographs from previous school visits can be found on my website under "News and Events":

http://allisongutknecht.com/News_Events.html

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