

# 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! As a former teacher, I love getting back out into classrooms to connect with students and their teachers. Given our strange new reality, **video author visits** (via Zoom, Google Meet, Duo, etc.) are just the ticket. These always create plenty of excitement around writing and reading, and can be a highly effective teaching tool.

## Options:

- **Standard Author Visit (40 minutes):** I read from *Space Cadets*, talk about literacy and take students' questions. We always have lots of great discussion about writing and reading!
- I offer 2 different **story-writing workshops**:
  - **“The Story Planner”**: 3 lessons (45 minutes each, spread over 3 days).  
Session 1: I tell your students a story, then show them the sheet I used to plan it.  
Sessions 2 & 3: We outline a story together.  
Afterwards, each of your students is ready to write their own version of the story from the outline created by the group.
  - **“What Could Go Wrong?”**: 3 lessons (45 minutes each, spread over 3 days).  
By the end, your students will have an original 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 per class
- Story-Writing Workshops: “The Story Planner” or “What Could Go Wrong?”  
\$300 for 3 sessions
- Specific, customized session (Pricing may vary depending on exactly what is required; amount to be agreed upon after initial consultation.)  
\$150 for 45 minutes
- Mentoring (Pricing may vary depending on exactly what is required; amount to be agreed upon after initial consultation.)  
\$500 for 3 sessions