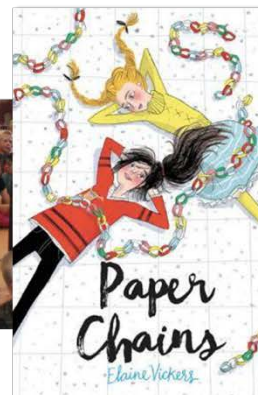


Elaine Vickers



Children's Author



School Visits

One of the things I love most about being an author is connecting with kids, teachers, and librarians--through school visits as well as through books! As a teacher for twelve years (and counting), I'm comfortable with kindergarten through college-aged groups, although most readers of my books are in grades 3-7. As a chemistry professor, I'm more than happy to sneak science and other curriculum into presentations. If you're interested, read on and/or [reach out!](#)

Full-Day Visits: Up to two assemblies and two workshops plus lunch with the author for a small group of students and/or faculty. Full-day visits include a bookmark for every student as well as three copies each of *Like Magic* and *Paper Chains* and an Amacitia book box for the school's library. Presentations can be adapted in length from 30-50 minutes.



Half Day Visits: Two assemblies or workshops plus lunch with the author for a small group of students and/or faculty. Presentations can be adapted in length from 30-50 minutes.

Skype Visits: I'm happy to do a free 15-minute Skype visit for classes, scouts, or book clubs that have read one of my books. I'm also willing to do longer visits for a small fee.

For more information or to schedule a visit, visit elainevickers.com/contact



Assemblies and Workshops

The Power of Art to Connect Us

In this presentation, I use the music, paintings, and poems from *Like Magic* to illustrate the power of art to connect us—to each other, and to the world around us. Students participate to create on-the-spot poetry, music, and art, and we discuss the connections we form as a result. (Grades K-8)



An Author's Journey: Turning Ideas into Stories into Real Books

How do you take that idea in your brain and turn it into an actual story? How do you turn that story into a book that people can read? In this presentation, I take students along my journey from a kid with ideas to a published author and answer many common questions along the way. Highlights the need for hard work, perseverance, creativity, and passion in whatever you're pursuing. (Grades 4-9)



The Biggest Summer/Year of Your Life

Especially fitting for the end of the calendar or school year, this presentation is designed around the idea that this summer can be the biggest year of a student's life (so far). Through three interactive challenges, I'll help students paint their own mental picture about what "the biggest summer of my life" might mean for them this year—and how they can make it happen. (Grades K-8)

Understanding > Fear

Like Magic includes this quote from Marie Curie: "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood." In this empathy-building presentation, I take characters from a variety of books (and volunteers from the audience) and show how often the things we fear about each other and the world around us are often dissipated by knowledge and empathy. (Grades 3-8)

Grow Your Story (workshop only)

This workshop helps students recognize the story ideas all around. Each student will take their story seeds and choose one to develop, whether they're starting with a character, a theme, or an overall concept. Students will turn that seed into the framework for a whole novel by organically drawing out the elements in their initial idea.



Custom Presentation or Workshop: Any of the above presentations can be tailored to an individual school or range of grade levels. In addition, I will work with the teachers and librarians to craft a workshop and/or presentation that fits into the current curriculum. Custom events can include topics in language arts, math, music, and/or science.

Testimonials

"The whole presentation was spectacular. There was just enough balance between 'selling' your love of writing, and interaction with the kids to get them excited about doing something new. The kids and I were not only entertained, but we learned a lot about what an author 'looks' like. Thank you for sharing that you also love to do something other than write."

Becca Esplin, Fourth Grade Teacher at Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

"Elaine's dynamic personality as an author/presenter invites conversation and reflection. She is both approachable and fun. It is evident that she loves what she does and loves the life she lives. Our middle school students were dazzled by her adventures and her life experiences. For Elaine, there is a story everywhere---life is Like Magic, now go write about it!"

Amyanne Rigby, Canyon View Middle School PTSA



Rates*:

Assembly—up to one hour: \$200 + travel expenses

Half-Day—two back-to-back assemblies/workshops + lunch with the author for a small group of students and/or faculty: \$400 + travel expenses

Full-Day—up to four assemblies/workshops + lunch with

the author for a small group of students and/or faculty: \$700 + travel expenses

*I'm happy to work with schools to figure out the best pricing and funding options.

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