

Frequently Asked Questions

What are your fees?

Inside a 50 mile radius of Nashville \$1100 for 1-3 presentations, \$1500 for 4+. Out of area presentations are \$1500, unless an area organizes three or more visits, then previous pricing applies. My fee for a middle or high school is \$1500. I like to keep the groups to 300-400 students, though I've presented effectively to auditoriums of 600-1000. The price for a preschool visit is \$300-\$500. All visits include a set of signed copies of my books that can be gifted to the library or used as part of a school fundraiser/raffle. If I'm staying in the area we can add on an evening program for \$200. I allow for one Title One visit at \$500 a month--send an email for more info. A date and fee are secured when an agreement is signed and sent in with a 50% deposit--when this works for your school. Please know that I am open to working within school budgets.

Do you travel and are your expenses covered?

I'm based in Nashville, and love to travel. The best way for me to visit your town, city or district is to find 2-4 schools interested in my program who can share the cost of my expenses--air, car and lodging (if necessary), I'll cover meals. If I have friends or family in the area I'm happy to stay with them, this includes almost all of Florida, Colorado, LA/San Diego, Baltimore/DC/VA, Eastern MA, Ohio, Asheville, Atlanta, Maine, etc!

What grade or grades is your presentation appropriate for?

Though it seems my books are more age appropriate for PK-2 the life lessons I share, as well as my experience as an author, highlighting the editorial process are great for grades 3-12. I present typically to elementary schools and like to speak to the entire school broken down into grades, for instance Pk-1, 2-3 & 4-5. I enjoy speaking to middle and high school students, as the older students benefit from hearing my struggles with self-esteem and how I overcame them. I can have a different level of conversation with a five year old, fifth grade student and fifteen year old. I've also done several "Family Literacy Nights" where the parents and teachers enjoy my program as much as the young ones.

What does your day look like at the school?

Typically I start early, and do 2-4 forty minute to one hour presentations. I'm available to eat lunch at school, this is nice when there's a child with Alopecia or a group of teachers, who often have as many questions as the students. I spend the afternoon in the library or office signing books, and if the school likes the students can come down to receive them. It works well if a volunteer helps me while I'm signing and distributing the books.

Can the students purchase signed books?

Yes. I have a flyer that can be sent home and collected a week prior to my visit, giving me a sense of how many books I'll need. Of course we allow for orders to come in up till the event, and in most cases after the event, orders can come in and books will be mailed or dropped off. It's awesome if the teachers share a bit before my visit and encourage the students to remember to bring in their orders if they would like signed books.

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