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School Visit Information

Thank you for your interest in having Amy visit your school! The following information will provide the details you need to make the choice that is best for your school.

Presentations and Workshops-- Details

WHO: Amy can meet with individual classes or groups of up to about 100-120 students. Some workshops and presentations work better with 1-2 classes to allow time for feedback and interaction and are marked accordingly. Her presentations and workshops are ideal for grades 5th-8th grade. However, she can work with students at any level and varying group sizes.

WHAT: 1-3 presentations/workshops per day with a Q&A, with possible additions of a lunch or roundtable visit, an emailed Q&A video for follow up questions from your students. See included flyer for specific presentations.

WHERE: Amy has found that the library /media center is a good size for an author visit. Students can still see the slide show, hear her without a microphone, and feel connected to what's happening up front. This could seat 2-3 classes in some schools; 4 or 5 in others. However, if you need a presentation in an auditorium or a gym, a microphone is critical, along with a very large screen so all students can see the slides.

WHEN: Amy's schedule varies, but she can find a day that works for both of you. Available starting at 8:30 am. She will arrive at least 20 minutes before the first presentation to set up.

WHY: Amy enjoys teaching about writing and helping empower young people to express themselves as writers. If her presentations are not what you're looking for, other authors who do school visits can be found at <http://authorbystate.blogspot.com/> and <http://coolschoolvisits.com/> and [Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators Speaker's Directory](#).

Parents are welcome to attend. Amy also offers downloadable materials to help schools prepare for her visit.

Pricing for presentations (Note: Title 1 schools may receive a discount.):

One presentation (45 min-to-1 hour):
San Antonio area, Texas / \$100
Elsewhere in Texas / \$150 + travel expenses

Half day (two 45 min-to-1 hour sessions + follow up 30 minute Q&A recorded video, using any questions from your students):
San Antonio, Texas/ \$150
Elsewhere in Texas/ \$200 + travel expenses

Full day (Three 45 min-to-1 hour sessions, + a round-table discussion or lunch with the author with select teachers or students, 30 min Q&A follow up recording):
San Antonio Area, Texas / \$300
Elsewhere in Texas / \$500 + travel expenses

Other opportunities to consider:

- Book Clubs before or after school or during lunch (Within 20 minutes of Schertz) **free**
- Virtual Classroom Visit using Skype, free under 20 minutes. \$50 for up to one hour
- Author Virtual Visit Video (link sent to your email)/Q&A class-specific recording **free**
- Local library & book club visits or signings: **free** with only an informal Q&A, up to 1 hr.
- Family Literacy Night (\$100 for 1 hour presentation, Title I discount 50%.)

Technical and Program Requirements:

- A way to CLEARLY display a PowerPoint (Amy has her slides on CD and flash drive)
- A microphone for large groups, especially if using the cafeteria or gym.
- A place for Amy to lay out her notes and set her water (table or chair or podium)
- A room that can dim the lights above the screen of the slideshow.
- Amy will bring her own lunch, if the visit includes a lunch break.

Book Orders

If you'd like to hold a book sale in conjunction with Amy's visit, please let her know. Specific book order information is included in the complete Author Visit Packet. *Book sales are optional.*

Why do you charge at all for school visits?

Like any professional, authors invest a great deal of work in becoming proficient at their craft. Today, the majority of authors do not earn a livable income from their books. Just like teachers, we love working with students, but most authors cannot speak for free. If we did, we would not be able to keep writing. As a former teacher and school librarian myself, I work to keep my presentations affordable, given the fiscal realities faced by schools. Please let me know your situation, and I will strive to work out an arrangement.

Note: There is a difference between author visits and book tour visits. Book tour visits are organized by the publisher. These are usually free of charge, and the school is expected to sell books. *Book orders are not standard nor required* as part of any visit arranged by the author.

THE COMPLETE AUTHOR PACKET:

If you invite Amy to your school, you will receive:

- Customizable **event flyer** to display
- **Book Order** Information and Forms
- Downloadable **bookmark** for students
- **Presentation Agreement**, if relevant.
- **Amy's Website Scavenger Hunt**, if desired
- **Fairy Keeper** (Book 1) discussion questions
- **Shortcuts** discussion questions



EMAIL AMY to schedule a visit: amybearceauthor@gmail.com. Thank you!

About Amy:

Amy writes fantasy and light science fiction for young readers and the young at heart. She is a former ELA teacher and school librarian who also spent over 16 years writing freelance articles, short stories, and poetry for standardized state tests. She lives in Schertz, Texas, with her husband and two daughters.



About Amy's books:

Fairy Keeper, World of Aluvia Book One

Sierra hates being a fairy keeper, but unfortunately, it's her destiny. In the world of Aluvia, little fairies aren't cute—they're dangerous. But when the fairy queens mysteriously vanish, the consequences threaten everything Sierra loves. She will stop at nothing to find the fairies, though the journey will risk more than she thought possible.



Mer-Charmer, World of Aluvia Book Two

To save her beloved merfolk from an ancient sea beast, 14-year-old Phoebe dives into the ocean and discovers her own magic. But when the beast decides she is the tastiest prey in the ocean, she must learn to control her wayward magic, earned at a shocking cost, or lose the ones she loves the most.



Dragon Redeemer, World of Aluvia Book Three

Nell must find the fiery sword of Aluvia to defeat a new enemy threatening to take over their world and enslave magical creatures once more. Nell is determined life won't go back to the days of dying fairies and caged merfolk, but she's up against the toughest foe she's ever faced--and this one has ice-breathing dragons on his side.



Shortcuts *When psychic powers and secrets collide, no one is safe.*

Parker Mills is the two-time winner of the Miss Divine Pecan Pageant, head of the 8th grade dance committee, and a secret psychic empath. Since she absorbs strong emotions from those around her, Parker is dedicated to finding shortcuts to happiness by acting as a tutor, coach, or matchmaker. When others are happy, she's happy, so long as her psychic method remains a mystery.



At least, that's how it always worked until Mia came to town. With her mysterious past and dark cloud of depression, Mia's moods rain on Parker's happiness parade. After her usual shortcuts fail, she's forced to kick things up a notch, or two. But when Parker's psychic power goes haywire, dangerous secrets unravel... starting with her own.

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