

# AMY BEARCE



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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:** Visits work best when Amy can present to whole grades or several classes at once for ease of scheduling. This will make the most of your author presentation sessions. Some workshops are suited to 1-2 classes to allow time for feedback and are marked accordingly. Her presentations and workshops are ideal for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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. All visits come with a set of books for your library, a set of books for give-aways, and bookmarks for each student.

**WHERE:** Amy has found that the library /media center is a good size for an author visit if you can fit 3-4 classes. If you need a presentation in an auditorium or gym, a microphone is critical, along with a large screen so 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 needs to arrive at least 20 minutes before the first presentation to set up and make sure everything is working properly.

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 / \$150  
Elsewhere in Texas / \$250 + 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/ \$300  
Elsewhere in Texas/ \$400 + 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 / \$500  
Elsewhere in Texas / \$600 + travel expenses

All author visits come with a set of books for your library, a set of books to give away, and a bookmark for each student attending.

Amy provides her own lunch, so you won't have to deal with any planning beyond setting up the presentation area.

### Other opportunities to consider:

- Book Clubs before or after school or during lunch (Within 15 minutes of Schertz) **free**
- Virtual Classroom Visit using Skype, free under 20 minutes. Additional options with fee.
- 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 (\$150 for 1 hour presentation, Title I discount 25% off.)

### 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 is ideal.
- 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](mailto:amybearceauthor@gmail.com). Thank you!

## About Amy:

Amy writes fantasy and light science fiction for young readers and the young at heart, with a special love for upper middle grade. She is a former reading teacher and school librarian who has also sold over 300 freelance articles, short stories, and poetry for standardized state tests. She lives in Schertz, Texas, with her husband and two daughters. She is represented by Alice Sutherland-Hawes of the Madeline Milburn Agency.



## 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.*

As a secret psychic empath, 8th grade student Parker has spent her life finding shortcuts to happiness. When others hurt, she does, too, and it's not really her style to embrace suffering. But when new student, Mia, arrives with a mysterious past, her dark cloud of depression threatens to rain on Parker's parade. Her usual shortcuts fail to turn Mia's heartbreak to happiness even after bringing cutie-pie Josh on the scene, so Parker's forced to kick things up a notch—or two. However, when her psychic power goes haywire, dangerous secrets begin to unravel, starting with her own.



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