

ADVENTURE, MYSTERY.
ALMOST HISTORY.

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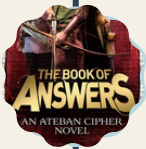
Author talks + workshops



AUTHOR TALK: LOOK, LISTEN, TAKE NOTE

In my general author talk, I dive deep into where ideas come from (and what to do with them), drawing on the inspiration for my stories and sharing tips to inspire kids to write their own.

Grades 4-8, in person (interactive) or online



PRESENTATION: FIND YOUR WRITING SUPERPOWER

Everyone has a writing superpower, what's yours? In this fun, inspiring and motivating session, I'll help kids work out the strengths in their writing—and how to use them to create amazing stories. Drawing on my own work, I offer tips on everything from description to plotting, finding ideas to editing.

Grades 4-8, in person or online



PRESENTATION: WRITING FANTASY STORIES

What makes a story a fantasy story? In this interactive session, I look at the key characteristics of writing fantasy stories, including character, quests, hero's journey and world building.

Grades 5-8, in person, can also be a workshop



WORKSHOP: WHO'S TELLING THE STORY?

A deep dive into the mystery of Character and Point Of View, using my Maven & Reeve Mysteries to illustrate the choices writers must make to tell a story.

Grades 7-10, in person or online



WORKSHOP: UNLOCKING THE STORY CODE

Using the framework of the Ateban Cipher novels and the 10 Keys To A Great Story, this workshop looks at character, setting, plot, language choices, editing, and more.

Grades 5-8, in person or online



WORKSHOP: LEVEL UP YOUR WRITING

A workshop created from a high school writing group residency, taking a deeper look into writing techniques and craft.

Grades 7-10, in person or online



DISCUSSION/Q&A: SO YOU WANT TO BE A WRITER

Suitable for small groups of senior students interested in making writing a career, I draw upon my experience as a journalist, author, speaker and podcaster to discuss my career as a writer and answer questions about writing and being a writer.

In person or online