

Author Visits with
Rebecca Colby

Children's Picture Book Author & Poet



Inspiring children to read and write!

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About Rebecca and her books

Before writing for children, I worked for a Russian comedian, taught English in Taiwan, travelled the world as a tour director, and worked as a librarian. Originally from America, I now live in North Yorkshire with my husband and two daughters.

My books include *It's Raining Bats and Frogs* (Macmillan, 2015), *There was a Wee Lassie who Swallowed a Midgie* (Floris, 2014) and the forthcoming *Motor Goose* (Macmillan, 2017). I'm also a children's poet and a founding member of The FunEVerse (www.thefunEVerse.com).



It's Raining Bats & Frog
ISBN: 978-1250049926

Delia has been looking forward to flying in the annual Halloween Parade all year. But parade day brings heavy rain. So Delia takes action. Using her best magic, Delia changes the rain to cats and dogs. But that doesn't work too well! Then hats and clogs. That doesn't work either! Each new type of rain brings a new set of problems. How can Delia save the day?

There was a Wee Lassie who Swallowed a Midgie
ISBN: 978-1782500483

In this Scottish twist on the much-loved rhyme about the old lady who swallows a fly, the wee lassie swallows a succession of Scotland's favourite creatures to catch that pesky midgie—including a puffin, a Scottie dog, a seal, and even Nessie! After all that, the wee lassie can't still be hungry. Can she?



I love to inspire children to read and write, and I regularly visit schools, libraries and festivals across the UK, conducting interactive storytelling sessions and writing workshops. Details of my workshops and fees follow.

Workshops and Author Talks

ASSEMBLY & AUTHOR TALK (or SKYPE session) –
45 minutes (max. 250 students; KS1 and/or KS2)

An interactive reading of either *It's Raining Bats and Frogs* or *There was a Wee Lassie who Swallowed a Midgie* followed by a discussion about my writing process and a Q & A session about being an author.

GAMES POETS PLAY – 1 hour
(max. 35 students; lower KS2 or Year 2)

This workshop involves lots of fun and games—literally—as children are given the opportunity to play typical word games that poets play when creating poems.



FAIRY TALE WRITING WORKSHOP –
1 hour (max. 30 students; KS1)

I dress up as a Fairy Godmother and discuss the basic elements of a fairy tale. The students are then guided in creating their own fairy tale characters, and in choosing magical elements and endowing them with magical properties through playful exercises. Then, with the aid of visual prompts, the students have the opportunity to create their own fairy tales.

STORYTELLING AND CRAFT SESSION – 45 minutes
(max. 30 students; FS1 and FS2)

An interactive reading of either of my books, followed by a related craft activity.

(NB: If preferred, the craft activity can be removed, reducing the session to 30 minutes so as to accommodate more children by allowing for two storytelling sessions over an hour.)

Fees and Payment

Full day: £350 plus travel expenses (and accommodation when needed)

Half day: £250 plus travel expenses (and accommodation when needed)

Single session or festival visit: £150 plus travel expenses and accommodation

SKYPE session: £30 for 45 minutes (or \$50 USD)

Please note that I travel to all events by public transport and/or taxi. Should I require overnight accommodation, this is charged at a flat rate of £80. Consecutive days are charged at £275 per day plus expenses. These fees may be shared between two schools in the same area should they like to book separate visits but on consecutive days.

While I do not require a deposit to hold a booking, please know that if the school needs to cancel or change the date of the visit, I will require repayment of any pre-paid expenses. My pre-paid expenses usually include train tickets and my personal childcare expenses.

Payment should be made either before or on the day of the visit. An invoice will be sent to the school by 30 days prior to the visit.

NB: SKYPE sessions are noticeably less expensive because they can be conducted from the comfort of my home and don't require losing substantial writing time away from my desk.

Books

As part of any in-person school visit, I will donate one of my books to the school for their library and will bring enough free bookmarks for all the students in the school to receive one. That way everyone walks away from the event with a small gift.

I will also sign books if the school wishes to sell books, but I make no requirement to hold a book sale. However, should the school wish to hold a sale, I can forward an order form. All books would need to be pre-ordered by the school through their local bookshop so as to be available for signing on the day of the visit.



If you have any questions or would like to make a booking, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the contact form on my website:

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