

DONNA GALANTI

AUTHOR VISITS

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“Our students were enthralled to participate in Donna Galanti’s interactive presentation and hear firsthand how a published author navigates the writing process. Her connections between the writing and revision process were made clear in a spirited and playful manner that not only engaged students’ personal trials in writing, but inspired them to continue to be creative and self-reflective. The students and teachers were still talking about her days after she left!”-Wayne C. Rush, Librarian, Grover Cleveland Middle School, Caldwell, NJ

DONNA'S AUTHOR VISIT PROMISES TO:

Motivate students to express themselves through writing * Inspire the creative process *
Help students to approach revisions with a positive attitude * Demonstrate the rewards of
perseverance * Allow students to experience the fun of meeting an author

➤ **ASSEMBLY PROGRAM (Approx. time: 50-60 minutes)**

“The Three Nuggets of Story Telling”: This dynamic assembly program emphasizes the importance of brainstorming, motivation to write, creativity, imagination, and determination, and includes an interactive theater-story with the audience. (grades 4-9)

Assembly Program Elements

Donna's dynamic presentations are aimed at helping children tap into their own creativity and are geared for fourth through ninth grades. She can work with small or large audiences, and will tailor programs to fit your needs. Donna’s program offers:

- **Humorous tales** that will engage the students and get them laughing.
- **A peek at the writing journey!** Inspire students to believe that they are just as qualified to be a writer as any adult (even more so!). Students will get a snapshot of Donna’s **writer’s journey** from her first story as a child to the publication of her first children’s book and why she writes fantasy.
- **Brainstorming!** Why brainstorming is important to story development (while also giving you permission to write!). She will share how she gets unstuck from “writer’s block” and read samples of her own brainstorm activity.
- **Three nuggets of storytelling** that include character, setting, and conflict. Plus enjoy an audience-engaged on-stage activity for students to create their own story! This can flow into a follow-up writing exercise in the classroom.

- **The importance of not giving up** with emphasis on **REVISION** and **PERSEVERANCE**. Students will hear about the agony of rejection letters as Donna reads excerpts from some of her own and shares how revision helped her book get published.
- **Questions and Answers.**
- **Classroom visits** include a condensed version of the assembly program and a writing exercise. Donna can create a unique exercise just for your class!



MORE INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD.

BOOK ORDERS

Books may be ordered ahead of time through The Doylestown Bookshop. Contact Laura Steavenson at 215-230-7610 or dtownbooks.laura@gmail.com.

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\$225 for local visits/single session, \$375 half day (two sessions), \$575 full day (4 sessions, including combo writing exercise classes or assembly). Travel expenses depend on location. ****Donna believes that no children should miss the opportunity to experience an author visit. If your school has economic concerns, please contact her to discuss your budget.**

ABOUT DONNA:

Donna Galanti is the author of the middle grade fantasy adventure series *Joshua and The Lightning Road*. She attended an English school housed in a magical castle, where her wild imagination was held back only by her itchy uniform (bowler hat and tie included!). She's lived in other exotic locations, including Hawaii where she served as a U.S. Navy photographer. She now lives with her family and two crazy cats in an old farmhouse, and dreams of returning one day to a castle. Visit her at www.donnagalanti.com

