DONNA GALANTI
AUTHOR VISITS

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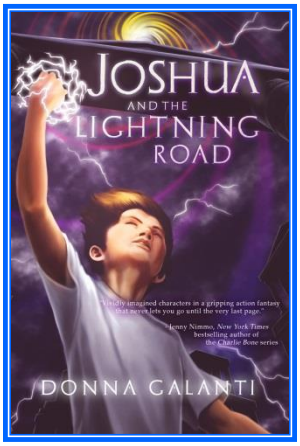

DONNA'S AUTHOR VISIT PROMISES TO:

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

***"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 3-6)*

Assembly Program Elements

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

- **A humorous introduction** 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 at age ten 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.
- **Question and Answers.**
- **Book signing** arranged as requested.

MORE INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY WILL RECEIVE, PRIOR TO THE VISIT,
A FREE COPY OF JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD.

BOOK ORDERS

Books can be ordered ahead of time through the Doylestown Bookshop, although some will also be available for purchase the day of the program. Contact Krisy Paredes at 215-230-7610.

ABOUT DONNA:

Donna Galanti wanted to be a writer ever since she wrote a mystery screenplay at seven and acted it out with the neighborhood kids. 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!). There she fell in love with the worlds of C.S. Lewis and Roald Dahl, and wrote her first fantasy about Dodo birds, wizards, and a flying ship (and has been writing fantasy ever since). She's lived in other exotic locations, including her family-owned campground in New Hampshire and in 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. Donna is the author of the *Joshua and The Lightning Road* series (Month9Books) and represented by Bill Contardi of Brandt & Hochman Literary Agents, Inc. She is a contributing editor to International Thriller Writers *the Big Thrill* magazine and blogs at Project Mayhem, a cooperative of published middle grade authors. Visit her at www.donnagalanti.com.

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