



Exploring Dialogue Writing Workshop for Kids

With Author and Owner Joanne Lécuyer

Age group: grades 4-6 (or ages 7-12)
Class/group size: 10-35 (approx.)

Description: This interactive workshop for kids allows them to explore how to write dialogue using a comic strip approach. All the participants get a chance to create and work on their own comic strip (with dialogue and images). In order to experience the dialogue process, they will also contribute to their classmates' comic strip(s) by adding some dialogue. The author and teacher/leader will discuss the theme, direction and length of the workshop prior to the event.

Outline of the workshop:

About the author (10 min)

- Becoming an author (some key skills)
- Writing process (jotting down ideas)
- Getting a book published (brief summary of author's books and publishing process) – if interested and time permits
- *Questions encouraged*

Writing Dialogue (60-90 min)

- Importance of dialogue
- Importance of images in relation to the dialogue
- Use of “thought bubbles” and length of dialogue in comic books
- Discuss theme for the comic strip and process (e.g. If I were a super hero, Why I like my brother/sister, Explaining what I learned at school to a visitor from outer space...)
- Creating the strips (1-3 strips, 2-3 boxes each)
- Wrapping it up

Wrap up (10-15 min)

- Quick review of tips to writing dialogue
- Questions and answers with the author
- Draw for a signed copy of a book, a t-shirt, and other items

Cost: \$175 per 120 minute session or \$300 for two sessions at the same venue, plus travel from Ottawa and accommodation if necessary.

Contact information: Please send your request to info@topsybooks.com or call Joanne at 613-863-2432 to book your workshop.



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