



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 story writing workshop for kids allows them to explore the 4 basic elements of story writing with an author. Working in teams of two, all the participants get a chance to create a character, as a writer or an illustrator. The group then selects 1 or 2 characters and are asked to create a setting, develop a plot and a resolution for the story. Using a fiction/fantasy theme allows the kids to be creative and use their imagination. It's what makes the workshop a lot of fun!

Outline of the workshop:

About the author (10-15 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)
- *Questions encouraged*

The 4 elements of writing a story (90 min)

- Creating **characters**
- Deciding on a **setting**
- Establishing the **plot** (positive story lines explored)
- Wrapping it up the **resolution**

Wrap up (10-15 min)

- Quick review of the 4 elements of story writing
- 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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