



School Visits:

Thanks for your interest in inviting me for an author visit! My school and library presentations target grades K-4 and can run from about 30 to 60 minutes in length per session. Each presentation includes a discussion on becoming a children's book author, how a book is made, and the reading of a story. I am also available to discuss the writing process to children in upper grades 5 – 12 and through high school.

In my newest book is titled ***"The Boy Who Wouldn't Read"***. In this captivating and hilarious illustrated poem young readers will meet Robbie who didn't like to read. When a magic sorcerer removes all the words from everything around him confusion results, he realizes that life without reading is nothing to wish for! I will do a workshop with the students that will reinforce the importance of reading. Kids will realize that without the skill of reading they will never know the value of money, what foods are in the refrigerator or even what street they live on.

The three books in the "D.J. series" are: ***"D.J. and the Zulu Parade"****, ***"D.J. and the Jazz Fest"**** and ***"D.J. and the Debutante Ball"***. These books help children understand the unique culture of the fascinating city of New Orleans. In my presentations, artifacts (such as a painted coconut) from the Zulu parade are displayed as well as a colorful flag from the Jazz Fest and a dazzling crown from the Debutante Ball. A table setting placemat from the Debutante Ball book is used to discuss the importance of good manners.

Honorarium: School fee \$300 (half day) \$600 (full day) plus expenses. Expenses include airfare, ground transportation, meals, lodging and any other related costs. Unless negotiated, these arrangements are the responsibility of the host school or organization. Ms. McConduit is also available for faculty and parent teacher presentations.

For school visits books are available through **Pelican Publishing Company** at a 40 percent discount. For more information contact Laurie at 1-800-843-1724 Ext. #319

* These titles are on the Accelerated Reader Program.

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