

Testimonials

“Lisa Thiesing’s visit engaged the children in multiple ways. They re-experienced *The Aliens Are Coming!* with a slide show reading done by Lisa. They then learned how books are made and saw photos of actual printing presses. The visit closed with a group drawing lesson that included step-by-step guidance on how they can create Peggy and many other characters. They loved it!”

~Librarian
PS 116
Manhattan

“I invited Ms. Thiesing to our school because her easy readers were a perfect match for our kindergartners and first graders. I recommend her to any other elementary schools looking for a published author to share the process of writing and illustrating children’s books.”

~Librarian
Sapphire Elementary School
Harriman, NY

“You ROCK!”
~First Grader

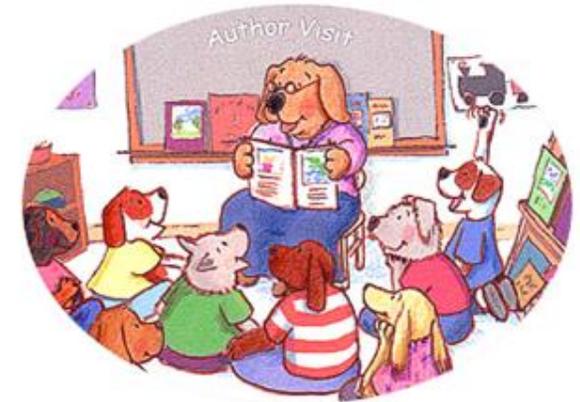


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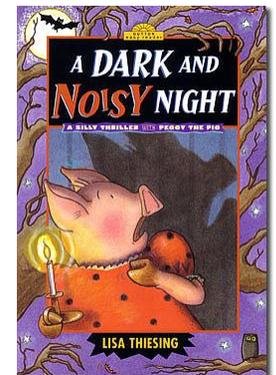
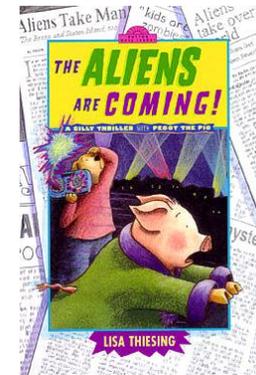
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School Visits
with an
Author / Illustrator

Lisa Thiesing is the award-winning author and illustrator of many wonderful books for children.



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Benefits of a School Visit

Imagine! Your students engaged in questions and answers with a real-life children's author! The questions fill the room: "Why did you make it funny?" "Where do you get your ideas from?" "Is the main character based on someone you know?"

When an author reads from their own work, children get excited! Author visits are inspiring events that foster a love of reading and many educational opportunities. When authors speak to young people, students are motivated to read more, write more, and learn more. Even the most reluctant reader may want to pick up a book!

The Program

My program is best suited for **grades K-3**. I give a Power Point presentation of *The Aliens Are Coming!* This really brings the book to life with cool sound effects and big illustrations which can be seen easily by the entire group. This book is great to tie in with your geography curriculum! My presentation covers the steps that go into making a book, from writing, to editing and drawing. I show how a drawing develops from a rough sketch to a finished illustration. We even go on to a brief history and look at the printing process; I've found that children always want to know, literally, how a book is made.

After the slide show, I show the children actual "dummies" (rough sketch mock-ups) and artwork from some of my books. I leave time for lots of questions and answers.

Then we have a drawing lesson! I use basic geometric shapes to teach the children how to draw Peggy the Pig and other animals. Even the youngest kids have a lot of success with this method and are able to do beautiful drawings!



Author Visit Fees

Each session of my visit is approximately 45 minutes long and can accommodate about 75 – 100 children (usually 3-4 classes). I can do up to 4 sessions in a day. Contact me for fees and details:

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Biography

Lisa Thiesing has illustrated and/or written nearly 25 books. She graduated from Parsons School of Design in New York with a BFA in illustration. Ms. Thiesing also earned her Montessori certificate in early education from Bank Street College. This gives her a unique understanding of how to make picture books and "early readers" that are both fun and educational for children. She lives in New York State with her husband, daughter, dog and cats.

Awards and Recognition

- Winner of the Michigan Great Lakes Great Books Award - **The Viper**
- Winner of the Delaware Diamonds Award - **The Viper**
- NJLA Garden State Book Award nominee - **A Dark and Noisy Night & The Aliens Are Coming!**
- Booklist "Top 10 Mysteries for Youth" - **The Viper**
- A Miami Herald Best Book of the Year - **The Viper**
- A Bank Street Best Book of the Year - **Hilda and the Mad Scientist**
- A Junior Library Guild Selection - **Hilda and the Mad Scientist**
- Parents Magazine "Parents Pick" - **All Better**
- Parents Magazine Feature Spread - **Me & You**
- The National Parenting Center's Seal of Approval - **Me & You**
- New York Times Book Review - **Me & You**
- Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Award - **Jess and the Stinky Cowboys**
- A Bank Street Best Book of the Year - **Jess and the Stinky Cowboys**
- Reading Rainbow Reader anthology - **Silly Times With Two Silly Trolls**
- IRA/CBC "Children's Choice's" -- **Silly Times With Two Silly Trolls & Pudmuddles**
- NCSS - CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies - **The Ghosts of Hungryhouse Lane**
- Kirkus pointer reviews – various
- Booklist starred reviews – various
- School Library Journal starred reviews - various