



# AUTHOR VISITS

with Jenn Bishop

## About the author

Jenn Bishop has published five middle grade novels for ages 8-14, most recently **Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up**. Her books include **Where We Used to Roam**, a 2023 & 2024 Choose to Read Ohio title; **Things You Can't Say**, a Parents' Choice Gold Award winner; and **The Distance to Home**, a Bank Street College Best Children's book. A former children's librarian, Jenn loves inspiring the next generation of readers and writers. She is based in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has visited with classrooms across the country.

## Testimonials

"Watching my 4th graders listen to and interact with Jenn Bishop was **one of the highlights of my school year!**"  
- Cincinnati teacher

"You helped me think twice before complaining about **revising** — you showed us that **it's really important**. Your first draft was so different from the actual published copy." - sixth grade student



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# 2025-2026 Fees

- **One presentation: \$600**
- **Two presentations: \$800**
- **Full day (up to 3 presentations + signing): \$1100**
- **Day rate of \$1400 + travel costs apply for visits outside Greater Cincinnati**



## Presentations

- **Writing from Real Life** (45 minutes)

When all you have is a blank page staring back at you, it can feel hard to come up with fresh ideas. But what if I told you that everything you need to write a compelling story is already inside of you? Using all five of Jenn's books as examples, she demonstrates how to take the raw material of real life and turn it into a captivating story. This interactive presentation will leave students brimming with ideas. Best suited for grades 4-8.

- **It's All in the Game** (45 minutes)

In this presentation inspired by **Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up**, Jenn uses sports as a metaphor for the writing life. Students will learn about the team behind publishing a book, tools for processing failure, and the power of practice. They'll also receive a short history lesson in Title IX and advances made in the world of women's sports. Reader's Theater option available; inquire for details. Best suited for grades 5-8.

- **Ask Me Anything (AMA) with Jenn Bishop** (45 minutes)

A lively and in-depth question and answer session for book clubs or classrooms that have read at least one of Jenn's books and have prepared questions ahead of time. This selection can also be used with groups of all ages who are curious to learn more about writing and publishing.

- **Mystery Grab Bag: A Writing Workshop** (45 minutes)

With props and customizable index cards for settings, characters, and types of plots, Jenn teaches students the most important elements of a story. Fun writing prompts will get the writing juices flowing, and there will be several opportunities for free writing and share-backs with the group. Index cards can be tailored to a specific grade, club, or location. For individual classes or clubs only.

**Have something in mind that's not on the menu? Jenn is game! Email to inquire about a customizable option.**

