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Featured Authors



Betsy Lewin —
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After graduating from Pratt Institute where she studied illustration, Betsy designed greeting cards. Then she began to write and illustrate stories for children's magazines. Betsy's art is usually humorous, drawn in pen or brush with watercolor washes, as in *Click, Clack, Moo; Cows That Type*, but she also paints in a naturalistic style as in *Chubba's Pool*. *Gorilla Walk* is her first collaboration with her husband Ted and is about their trek to see the mountain gorillas in Uganda.



David Loertscher —
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David V. Loertscher has degrees from the University of Utah, the University of Washington and a Ph.D. from Indiana University. He has been a school library media specialist in Nevada and Idaho. He is presently a professor at the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University. He has been a president of the American Association of School Librarians.

William Kist — www.williamkist.com



William Kist has been researching and describing classroom uses of new media for over a decade. He has developed teaching ideas himself, involving his students in such projects as building class wikis; using social networks safely; and building efolios. Bill is currently an Associate Professor at Kent State University and has been active on the state and national levels as a literacy educator.

Tony Abbott —
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Tony Abbott is the author to over eighty children's books for ages 7 and up, including *The Secrets of Droon* (series), *The Haunting of Derek Stone* (series), and novels *The Postcard* (2008), *Firegirl* (2006 - winner of the Golden Kite Award for Fiction), and *Kringle* (2005). The American Booksellers Association voted *The Secrets of Droon* among the "Top 10 List of Books to Read while Waiting for the next Harry Potter."



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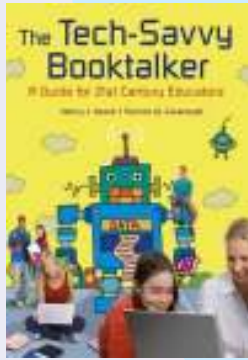
A native Ohioan, Shelley Pearsall has enjoyed writing since childhood. More than a quarter million copies of her books have been sold nationwide, and her work has received regional and national recognition. Her first historical novel, *Trouble Don't Last*, was the recipient of the prestigious Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction in 2003 and her first contemporary novel, *All of the Above*, was a 2007 ALA Notable book. She graduated from the College of Wooster (B.A.) in 1989 and holds a master's degree in education from John Carroll University.



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Nancy Keane — www.nancykeane.com

Nancy Keane has degrees from the University of Massachusetts and the University of Rhode Island. She's worked in academic and public libraries, but her true passion is school libraries. She promotes reading through a television show, *Kids' Book Beat* which airs on local cable. An expert on booktalks, Nancy published *The Tech-Savvy Booktalker: A Guide for 21st Century Educators*, in 2008.

Pete Hautman — www.petehautman.com

Pete Hautman finished his first novel, *Drawing Dead*, in 1991. Two years later it was published by Simon & Schuster. In 2004 his novel *Godless* won the National Book Award for Young People's Literature. He has 10 published YA titles, among others, and is the author of the *Bloodwater Mysteries* for ages 10 and up. He lives with novelist and poet Mary Logue in Minnesota and Wisconsin.



Lauren Myracle — www.laurenmyracle.com



Lauren Myracle was born in North Carolina and grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the author of over 13 books for young adults, including *Bliss*, *Let it Snow*, and *How To Be Bad*.



Ingrid Law — www.ingridlaw.com

Ingrid Law lives in Colorado, where she spent most of her childhood. She is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *Savvy*, a Newbery Honor Award book.



Mike Sullivan — www.talestoldtall.com

Michael Sullivan is the author of *Connecting Boys With Books*, *The Fundamentals of Children's Service*, and the *Escapade Johnson* series. He has also written *Connecting Boys With Books 2: Bridging the Reading Gap* and *The Sapphire Knight*. He has spoken widely on the topic of boys and reading, and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Boston, MA.