

VERONICA BARTLES:



AUTHOR VISITS

PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE:

How to Fracture a Fairy Tale

In this workshop, we will use the magical question “What if?” to take a story we already know and love, pull it apart, twist it upside down and inside out, and put it back together to create something new!

Histories, Herstories & Theirstories

They say truth is stranger than fiction, but in this writing workshop, we’ll go beyond “that’s what really happened!” to turn true stories into truly great (and believable!) fiction. We will apply the magical question “What if?” to the old adage “write what you know” in order to discover the heart of our personal experiences, family stories, and other true tales.

How to Fail Fearlessly

Author life isn’t easy. Rejections from editors before your book is published, and negative reviews or book banning afterward. Why do we do this anyway? I’ll share my path to publication and how my biggest successes were only possible because I failed first! Then, we’ll explore the bumps and failures students might encounter and apply the magic of “What if?” to turn those stumbling blocks into stepping stones!

Or Create your own Custom Presentation

I’m happy to work with you to create something new. Whether you’re looking for something for cross-curriculum learning (i.e. “A Surplus of Princes & Shortage of Frogs”—high school economics through a picture book lens!) or a way to address a specific issue your community faces, I’m happy to work with you! Please contact me to let me know what you need.

How to Write a Cake

Every cake starts with the same basic ingredients: eggs, flour, milk... Every story also starts with the same basic ingredients: character, setting, plot... In this workshop, we will start with the basics and a healthy helping of “What if?” to choose the right layers and decorations for creating a delicious story “cake!”

The Drama is in the Details

Writing a story is easy. All you need is a character, a setting, a beginning, middle, and end. But writing a good story? One that makes a reader feel like they’ve stepped into a new world? That takes a bit more. We’ll explore ways to use all five senses to add depth, dimension, and drama to your writing.

Fun Facts About Frogs Story Time

For younger audiences: We’ll read my picture book, *The Princess and the Frogs* and I’ll share some of the fascinating facts about frogs that I learned while writing this book. Add an optional craft activity, if desired. (Please contact me for details on currently available crafts for this event—*additional materials fee may apply.*)



author of *Twelve Steps* (YA), and *The Princess And The Frogs* (Picture Book), tries to ask “What If?” at least twice a day. She knows there are many sides to every story, and she’s determined to discover every single one of them. She believes that Cinderella isn’t the only sister who deserves to go to the ball, and that every princess deserves a frog, because princes aren’t pets! Veronica is also an incurable optimist who loves gray, drizzly days because that’s when rainbows come out to play.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

full-day program (for schools):

- Base rate for 2023: \$1,000 plus mileage & lodging (if necessary)
- Up to three 45-minute small group workshops
 - 1-2 classrooms or up to 35 students each
 - Choose from my existing presentations, or we can work together to create a custom program
- **OR ...** Two large assemblies up to 300 students
- **OR ...** Combine one large assembly with 1-2 small-group workshops for a custom experience
- Optional Add-ons:
 - **Lunch with the Author**—*free add-on upon request*—up to 15 pre-selected students and/or interested teachers (bring your own lunch and lots of questions!)
 - **Literature Night**—*additional fee*—evening event for students and their families
 - Custom event that may include story time, craft, Q&A, writing workshops, etc.
 - This may be booked as a stand-alone event or as an add-on with a full/half day
 - **Book Sales & Signing**—Please let me know if you need help with contacting a local book store to coordinate book sales for the event.
- Tight budget? Partner with another school for half-day visits!

single workshop (for libraries):

- Base rate for 2023: \$300 plus mileage & lodging (if necessary)
- Choose from any of my existing presentations or we can work together to create a custom program
- Workshops can be 45-, 60- or 90-minutes in length
 - In-depth 2- or 3-hour workshops available upon request—*additional fees apply*
- All presentations can be customized for audiences from pre-K to adult
- Partner with local school(s) to schedule events
 - Increase excitement/attendance at your event by combining your efforts
 - Split the cost of mileage/lodging
 - Each partner will receive a discounted rate

half-day program (for schools/libraries):

- Base rate for 2023: \$750 plus mileage
- Up to two 45-minute small group workshops (35 students) OR one large assembly (300 students)
- *Half-days are ONLY available within my “home” area (less than 45-minute drive) or when you partner with another school/library in your area to share the day (I also give discounts for schools/libraries that partner to book back-to-back full-day visits, so invite your sister school to join!)*



Contact me today to schedule a visit!

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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR VISIT

- Put the visit on your calendar and/or website, and send reminder emails to your mailing list.
- Send a flyer to parents about the upcoming visit, along with order forms for book pre-orders.
- Prime students and teachers for the visit by sharing “About the Author” information (find my bio and more on my website: <https://vbartles.com>) and thinking of questions to ask.
- Follow-up activities, writing assignments, and class discussions are also encouraged.
- Please let me know if the school will provide A/V equipment (microphone, projector, etc.) or if I need to adapt for a low-tech presentation.
- **Be vigilant about students’ behavior during presentations.** I ask that teachers sit with their classes and help children stay focused. Together, we can make this a great experience!
- Pay the agreed-upon fee on the day of the visit.
 - **Payments should be made to Veronica Bartles.**
- I love meeting readers, and understand that in today’s economy, budgets are tight. Please let me know if you have special needs that might require a discounted fee. I’m happy to work with you to tailor a program that meets your needs and budget!
- Read and discuss my book(s) in advance, so you have plenty of questions to ask!

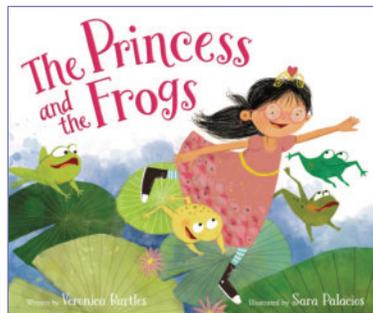
The Princess and the Frogs

“A refreshing princess book that puts kissing in its place and rejoices in childhood idylls” – Kirkus reviews

Princess Cassandra wants a frog!

Unfortunately, she loves them so much that she can't help kissing them goodnight, and everyone knows what happens to frogs when princesses kiss them... Now, poor Cassandra has a castle full of princes, instead of frogs. And princes aren't pets!

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“Smart and funny, *Twelve Steps* perfectly captures the gut-wrenching joy and supreme mortification of unrequited love.”

Twelve Steps

– Rachel Harris,

NYT Best Selling Author of *The Fine Art of Pretending*

When her longtime crush asks her to fix him up with her perfect older sister, 16-year-old Andi creates a 12-step program to help her steal the spotlight, and the guy, from her sister, Laina. But the prince isn't as charming as she hoped, her sister isn't as perfect as she appears, and maybe the spotlight she's been trying to steal isn't really the one Andi wants after all.

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