

David Harrison's Visit Kit



David Harrison has published over seventy books of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction for children from early years through middle school. Three of his titles are Teaching Strategies books and one is a Scholastic Guides book. During his career, David has also been a musician, editor, editorial consultant, scientist, and businessman. He writes seven hours a day, five days a week. He divides his free time among giving talks at conferences, visiting schools, and attending to a number of his own literacy projects.

Many of David's books and poems are humorous. He incorporates humor into his visits with kids to convince them that writing can be fun, though it takes work to get better at it. He stresses that the writer's job is to make a subject interesting for the reader. He makes the act of revising a natural part of the writing process, and he doesn't mind answering the same question three times in a row.

Forty years of school visits have taught David the value of being flexible and working with teachers and librarians to achieve the desired results. He suggests visits of up to twenty-five minutes with K–1 students, up to thirty-five minutes with grades 2–3, and up to fifty minutes with grades 4 and higher. By pre-arrangement he can also provide writing workshops for teachers and evening talks for parents.

David prefers audiences of one hundred or fewer arranged so that he can walk among students and be closer to them. He requests a 4' x 8' table, a lapel microphone, and water to drink. He only uses overheads when giving workshops. David also asks that students and teachers read at least a few of his books prior to his visit and write down questions they want to ask.

<p>Author's Home: Springfield, Missouri</p> <p>Suggested Audience: Grades K-8, conferences</p>	<p>Maximum number of presentations per day: 4</p> <p>Author's Honorarium: \$2,000.00 per day plus expenses, additional presentations \$400.00 each.</p>
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Contact David at David@DavidLHarrison.com to discussion your program

A PARTIAL LIST OF SUBJECTS I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT

Boy playing drum
 Looking for the sun
 Getting dog bitten
 Watching men skin a mountain lion
 Getting stuck on a cactus
 Seeing where a man died
 Scared by a bear
 Cold in bed
 New in school
 Having a crush on a girl
 Poor at basketball
 Interested in girls
 Drifting away from a friend
 Getting hit by the school bully
 Doing embarrassing things
 Going to a first formal dance
 Missing a friend who has moved away
 Chased by a bull
 First job
 Getting a baby sister
 Having kids
 Falling in love
 Pitching poorly, pitching well
 Becoming a writer
 Camping with my son
 Catching first fish
 Boys Playing with Granda
 Rriding the school bus
 Writing letters in class
 Dog in school
 Escaped mouse in school
 Boy named Sidney
 Girl named Jessica
 Mystery lunches
 Flies and frogs in science class
 Lining up in the hall
 Swinging at a ball
 Learning to use proper English
 Bad grades
 Field trip
 Teacher with eyes in the back of her head,
 Last day of school
 Running late for school, missing the bus
 Snake that swallows a boy
 Hen who swallows a fox

Making an excuse for not having homework
 Smartest kid in class
 Having to go to the bathroom
 Cafeteria food
 Not being ready for a test
 Doing well on a test
 Chewing gum in class
 Spring fever
 First book read without help
 Johnny Appleseed
 Feeling good in spring
 Thrown off a horse
 Wondering about a hole in the ground
 Gossiping about an old man
 Going on a manhunt
 Getting bitten by a snake
 Dead rabbit
 Chip of flint
 Winking at a girl
 Getting in a fight
 Climbing into a barn loft
 Watching crows
 Losing a pet
 Feeling good
 Looking for squirrel in a tree
 Finding old turtle shell
 Cow patties, stepping on a cow patty
 Catching a snake
 Saying a bad word
 Owl's tree
 Cows on the way to market
 Fossil footprints
 Different kinds of darkness
 Writing in a journal
 Discovering a bone fragment in a riverbed
 Stinging insects
 Accidentally killing a songbird
 Raising vegetables, horses, fishing
 Birds swirling in the fall,
 Sitting quietly beside a river
 Children's imaginary places
 Talking to plants
 House with no roof
 Meeting a monster

Girl who licks a light socket
 Boy who spends a lifetime counting stars
 Boy who grows a foot out of his head
 Small people who live in the grass
 Bear who takes a hare's hair
 Man who diets until he disappears
 Boy who swallows his plate
 Race between snail and horse
 Man who grows blue ribbon weeds
 Boy who wants to be various animals
 Rude dinosaur
 Argument between slug and snail
 How to treat an elephant
 Inflating baby with a garden hose
 Bedtime reading
 Cows who do silly things behind our backs
 Boy who frightens away giants
 Boy who outsmarts giants
 Boy who befriends giant
 Caves
 Rivers, Amazon River
 Oceans
 Earthquakes
 Volcanoes
 Mountains
 Glaciers
 Chicken egg kidnapped by a crow
 Bighorn rams
 Mountain flower
 Mountainside in August
 Vapor trails in the sky
 Sheep on a mountainside
 Storm over the mountain
 High country
 Elk in a valley
 Wild river
 Wolf in a field
 Walking in tall grass
 Raven on a tree
 Bear with her cubs
 Above the tree line
 Musk-oxen
 Camping under stars
 Mossy forest
 Crossing deer tracks in the woods
 Glimpse of something in the woods
 Walking in bear country
 Getting bitten by flies
 Finding a pond scooped out by a glacier

Dragonflies
 Butterflies, Fleeing butterfly nurseries
 Tree frogs
 Moose
 Salmon
 Caribou
 Low tide
 Seagulls, Sandpipers
 Bald eagles, Young eagle
 Sea lion
 Puffin
 Seal, Starfish, Sea otter, Humpback whale
 Too many cousins
 Snitching the last cookie
 Difference
 Dodging chores
 Practicing music
 Daddy's snore,
 Afraid of something in the closet
 Losing underwear
 Sister who turns into a frog
 Boy who won't eat his vegetables
 Driving brother crazy
 Family who lives in a bird nest
 Loving grandpa
 Melting big sister with water
 Little brother with long name
 Wearing hand-me-down clothes
 An aunt who thinks she's a duck
 Going fishing with grandpa
 Having a baby uncle
 Tracing family tree
 Mouse in the pantry
 House noises at night
 Cricket under the bed
 Clock that ticks all night
 Dust, bed, socks with no partners,
 Fighting over where to set the thermostat
 Old shoes,
 Difference between moms and dads
 Swatting a fly
 Running out of toilet paper
 Ugly family heirlooms
 Barking dog
 Reading a book
 Family photograph scrapbook
 Sleeping cat
 Messy closet
 Death or Wasp

Crawling under the bed
 Watching baby spider
 Getting ready for company
 Too much baby stuff
 Getting rid of horrible gifts
 Things going bad in the refrigerator
 Feeding the dog under the table
 The last glass in a set
 Chores
 Antique chili bowl
 Yard sale
 The perfect home
 Horses
 Dinosaurs, lizard
 Back yard, Raking leaves
 Baby bird, Woodsy Owl
 Witches, wizard, cemetery
 Machines
 Cars, trucks, Train
 Bumblebee, buzzing bees, wasp
 Ant, termite, caterpillar
 Toad, Mice, rat, skunk, opossum
 Girl rescuing boys from cave
 Dog in the garden, dog in the forest
 Sloths
 Sun
 Math
 Human body
 Baby in hospital
 Lightning bug
 Circus
 Girl playing flute
 Boy in the forest
 Truck in love with a cow
 Runaway pig
 Boy afraid of the dark
 Marilyn Monroe
 Waiting in an airport
 People on cell phones
 Crows arguing
 Children around the world
 Pink Panther
 Smokey Bear
 Herbie the Love Bug
 Land of the Lost
 Lassie
 Bugs Bunny
 Clifford the Big Red Dog

Hippopotamus
 Monkey, baboon
 Piranha
 Caiman
 Stars above the Amazon
 Couple in dugout canoe
 Butterflies drinking
 Trees at night
 Indian families in rain forest
 Myth of ants turning into vines
 Jungle birds
 Jungle rain
 Fallen tree
 Dark passage through the jungle
 River dolphin
 Old woman, prospector, friendless man
 Night sounds
 Rhythms in the rain forest
 Gnat, tick, mosquito, fly, spider, flea, mite
 Goose, turtle, chigger
 Bowling ball salesman
 Rooster, rooster on roof
 The last ice age
 Substitute teacher
 Having to go to the bathroom
 Fish in frozen pond
 Bugs under a rug
 Harold the Hog
 Singing pig
 Pet shop owner
 Smelly socks
 Drawing a horse
 Eating too many tacos
 First day of school
 Getting kissed by girls
 Thinking about the future
 Worm
 Ghost towns
 Missing frog
 Sneezing
 Mud pies, mud
 Man on the moon
 Cursive writing
 Meter in poetry
 Memory-based poems
 How to revise
 How to write stories
 Writing poems.