



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.

Maximum number of presentations per day: 4

David L Harrison

SCHOOL VISIT KIT

Author's Honorarium: \$2,500.00 per day plus expenses,
additional presentations \$400.00 each.

Author's Home: Springfield, Missouri

Suggested Audience: Grades K-8, conferences

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
Riding 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

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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
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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.