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About
Lisa Moser
Children's
Book Author
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Books have always been a great joy in my life. Growing up in the small town of Fairfield, Iowa, I loved to pedal my bike across town to the library, stopping at the Handy Pantry to spend a quarter on candy. I would spend hours at the library, browsing the shelves, selecting just the right jewels to take home and read.

My Grandma Crockett inspired me to write when I was five years old. My grandma wrote stories, drew the pictures and bound them up with bright red yarn. When I read those stories, my dream of becoming an author began.

I graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in elementary education. I taught fifth grade at Colonial Hills Elementary in Worthington, Ohio, and I'm proud to say that I was never beaten in a footrace by any of my students!

Now, I live in beautiful Wisconsin with my husband and daughter. We share our life and sometimes our shoes with our hilarious dog, Coach.

**To learn more, please visit my website:
www.LisaMoserBooks.com**



Children's Books by
Lisa Moser

The Monster in the Backpack
by Lisa Moser, Illustrated by Noah Z. Jones
Candlewick Press, 2006

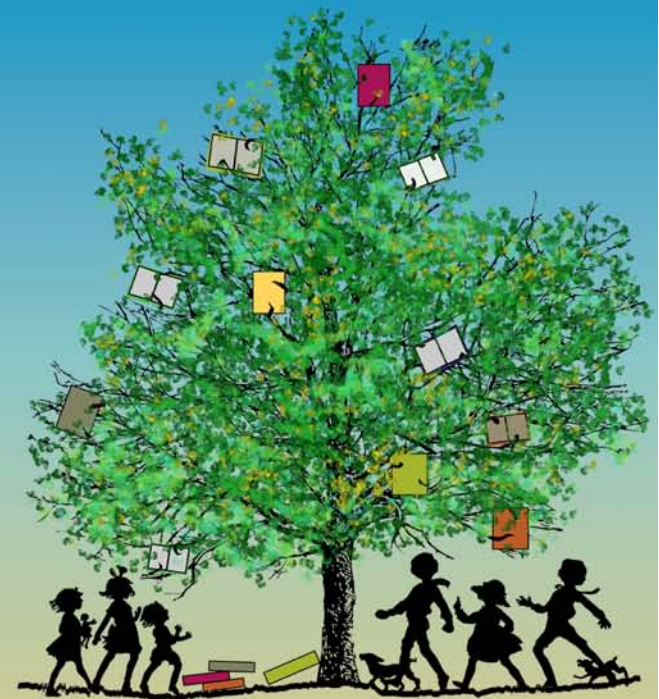
Watermelon Wishes
by Lisa Moser, Illustrated by Stacey Schuett
Clarion Books, 2006

Squirrel's World
by Lisa Moser, Illustrated by Valeri Gorbachev
Candlewick Press, 2007

Kisses on the Wind
by Lisa Moser, Illustrated by Kathryn Brown
Candlewick Press, 2009

Perfect Soup
by Lisa Moser
Random House

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Reading & Writing
Author Workshops with **Lisa Moser**

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I feel blessed to be a children's author because I get to do what I love every day. I get to read. I get to write. And on my very best days, I get to talk with children about reading and writing.

Before I became an author, I was a fifth grade teacher, and I feel that my teaching experience greatly enhances my author visits. I offer a variety of programs including whole school, large, and small group presentations, writing workshops, kindergarten/pre-school story time, author lunches and teacher/parent talks. You can mix and match the different programs, tailoring them to your school or organization's needs. For more details and descriptions, please visit my website: www.LisaMoserBooks.com

TEACHING & SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

"Just Like You..."

Audience: Kindergarten-Sixth grades

Setting: Large or Small Group-usually an all-school assembly

Time: 45 minutes followed by a 15 minute Q & A

This program is my most popular and often requested program which focuses on my writing process and how it parallels the way the students write.

"Sometimes I have great ideas. Sometimes I sit in my chair and can't think of a thing to write. *I'm just like you.* Some days writing is easy, and some days it's hard. *I'm just like you.* Some days people love my stories, and sometimes I have to go back and write it all over again. *I'm just like you!*"

— Excerpt from "Just Like You . . ." a speech by Lisa Moser © Lisa Moser 2007

Through stories and a PowerPoint presentation, I discuss:

- How I get my ideas
- How I mold my ideas into a stories
- How I approach writing, rewriting and editing

Children love to hear the personal stories behind my books, and to my delight, they laugh often and much as stories unfold.

Throughout my speech, I emphasize how an author uses the "outside" and the "inside" to write a story. The outside parts are the things an author sees or hears that gives her an idea. The inside parts are the feelings, thoughts and experiences that are special to that author. When those two elements – the inside and the outside – are brought together, a story blossoms into a rich, meaningful piece of writing that is as unique as the individual who wrote it.



Writing Workshop I

Creating Story Ideas with Setting, Character & Story Problem

Audience: Second-Sixth grades

Setting: Large or Small Group-classrooms, grade levels or several grade levels

Time: 45-60 minutes

This is my favorite writing workshop as **EACH student leaves with their very own list of 216 possible story ideas! Hooray!**

Working together and studying great picture books, we will define and discuss the elements of stories called settings, characters and story problems. The highlight of this session will be the creation of a project that will give students story ideas to last the school year.

Writing Workshop II

Building a Great Character

Audience: Fourth-Sixth grades

Setting: Large or Small Group-classrooms, grade levels or several grade levels

Time: 45-60 minutes

This workshop focuses on more sophisticated writing elements:

- Using detail to flesh out a character
- Developing dialogue that showcases "voice"
- The writer's famous adage, "Show, Don't Tell"
- How actions show a character's true feelings
- Conflict and Resolution

Using picture books as examples of great writing, students will study these various elements. We will take this new information and create a project centering around a character that incorporates all we've learned. Each student will leave with a unique, original, well-developed character to use in future writing projects.

Pre-school/Kindergarten Story Time

Target: Pre-K/Kindergartners

Setting: Small Group-individual classrooms or grade levels

Time: 15 minutes of book reading and 15 minutes of activities

I have developed fun, child-centered, age-appropriate activities for each of my books. I begin story time by reading one of my books aloud and then invite the students to move, act and participate in different activities.

Author Lunches

Audience: Any group of students joyfully interested in writing

Setting: Small Group

Time: Lunch Period

Often, the best learning takes place in an informal setting. I will be pleased to have lunch with students and talk about writing and reading. This program works best in combination with a morning writing workshop.

"Lessons on the Journey..."

Audience: Teachers, staff, parents, PTA/PTO organizations, reading or writing associations

Setting: After school or evening program

Time: 45 minutes followed by a 15 minute Q & A

In this presentation, I talk about 10 great lessons I've learned as a student, teacher and children's author, including moments that have touched my heart forever. Acknowledging the great work of teachers and students, I try to bring my own observations about reading and writing to this program.

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Booking & Fee Information:

To schedule a visit and/or find out more information on a specific program and fees, please contact Lisa at Lisa@LisaMoserBooks.com. Please visit www.LisaMoserBooks.com for additional information, recommendations, and news on Lisa's newest books.



CHURCH VISITS:

I feel very blessed to have been asked to speak on my faith and my writing career. I love to speak of the joy of my journey and how God has played such an important role in my life. Jesus has brought this gift into my life, and I am so thankful. To schedule a church presentation, please contact me at Lisa@LisaMoserBooks.com

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