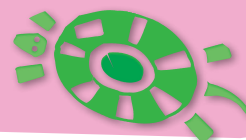


# INVITE AN AUTHOR TO YOUR SCHOOL AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!



## MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR DELLA ROWLAND

After growing up in Indiana, Della Rowland moved to New York City where she worked as an editor for two magazines and three book publishers before publishing her first children's book. Since then she has written 40 books for children pre K – 8, as well as educational materials and activity books. She now lives in Rutherford, NJ, with her husband, a cat, and a turtle.



DISCOVER THE WRITER IN EVERY CHILD.

## CUSTOMIZED VISITS

Della Rowland offers an interactive slide presentation and a variety of high energy writing workshops. The author of fiction, biography, history, science, sports, and mystery books, she reveals how the imagination works to create both fiction and non-fiction.



## OTHER PROGRAMS

- Artist in Residence (1991-present)
  - Union City & Jersey City, NJ ( 8 schools; K - 8)
- Summer School Instructor (K - 8)
  - Union City, NJ (3 schools)
  - Valhalla, NY
- Teacher Workshops
  - Felician College
  - Rutherford, Union City, & Warren, NJ districts

- Conference Speaker
  - NJ Young Authors Conference (3 years)
  - Bloomsburg [PA] Univ. Reading Conference

*"You really wowed the teachers! It was wonderful to see that they were planning to take your ideas right back into the classroom."*

— Elaine Pongratz,  
Assistant Professor Bloomsburg  
University Graduate Reading Program

## SLIDE PRESENTATIONS

A slide show entitled **"AND THAT GAVE ME AN IDEA..."** welcomes curious children into the author's life. Children learn about the people and events that inspired ideas for some 40 books and 100 mystery stories, and see how an everyday event can be turned into a story.

Each presentation discusses the editing process, different types of writing, and how books are made. Children are also shown where they can publish their own writing. Q & A time follows.

*"Your wonderful program showed our students that you are a real person who finds stories in ordinary everyday life."*

— Gayle Pivrotto, 4th grade teacher

## WRITING WORKSHOPS

- **The 5 Ws A Writer's Friends** — Students create a story with the author using their answers to Who, Where, When, What, Why, & How. Stresses use of detail to develop setting, character, and plot.

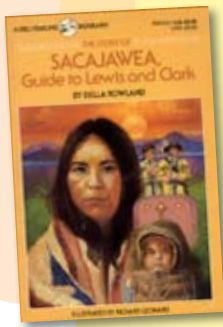
- **A Story is A Circle** — Using one of her picture books, the author demonstrates how a beginning, middle, and end must relate when writing a story. Afterwards, students create a sequel to her book.

- **What is Poetry, Anyway?** — The author and children explore the elements of poetry and a different way of using words.

- **How to Write a Mystery (or, How to Write Backwards)** — Using her Clue Jr. series, the author reveals her method of mystery writing.

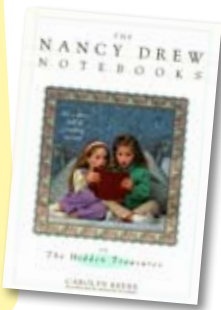


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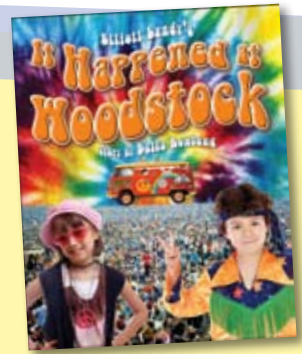
**SACAJAWEA,**  
Guide to Lewis and Clark  
(Dell, ages 7 – 14)

An unknown Shoshoni Indian woman becomes an important asset to the Louisiana Purchase exploration. This biography is included in many school district's 5th grade curriculum.



**THE HIDDEN TREASURE**  
Nancy Drew Notebooks  
Series #24  
(Pocket Books,  
ages 7 – 11)

Third grader Nancy Drew finds a secret treasure in her own home.



**IT HAPPENED AT WOODSTOCK!**  
(Highfield Press, ages 3 – 8)

In simple terms, this picture book tells the story of the world-famous 1969 festival, using iconic photos of Elliott Landy, official Woodstock photographer.



**CLUE JR. MYSTERY SERIES**  
(Scholastic, ages 7 – 11)  
Each book contains 8 mini-mysteries, with picture clue and solution printed upside down to encourage readers to use their noodles in solving the case.

## FEED BACK

*"In her workshops, Della sparked the students' imaginations through lively interactive discussions interwoven with the story elements of character, setting, and plot. She has a remarkable rapport and maintains a high energy level with all students. She also possesses the delightful trait of total respect for each child's idea — she's always supportive, never judgemental. The final result was a carefully crafted, unique story from each class."*

— Eloise Costello, Library Media Specialist

*"I appreciated Della instructing the children in a step by step writing procedure. She also helped the students be more open to their thoughts and imaginations, which was good practice for open-ended [State mandated test] questions."*

— Jacqui Maloney, 4th grade teacher

*"Her workshops allowed the students to compare the difference that descriptive details make in writing. As a result, they notice every detail about an object before they write about it."*

— Emily Perez,  
3rd grade teacher

*"Della focused on all parts of the writing process, but moved slowly enough so that the children could keep up. She encouraged all ideas which really made all children comfortable and willing to participate."*

— Stacey Melendrez, 4th grade teacher

*"I liked the reassurance Della provided the students. No idea was too silly or too unbelievable to write about."*

— Ivelle Alers, 4th grade teacher



## SCHEDULING AND FEE INFORMATION

CALL DELLA AT: 201-933-5807  
OR EMAIL: DELLA.ROWLAND@VERIZON.NET  
MINI RESIDENCIES AVAILABLE (3 TO 5 DAYS)

### DISTRICTS VISITED

<b>NJ</b>	Freehold	Murray Hill	Warren
Bergenfield	Garfield	N. Brunswick	Wayne
Berkeley Heights	Green Brook	Park Ridge	W. New York
Bloomfield	Haledon	Passaic	Wood-Ridge
Bogota	Hamilton	Perth Amboy	<b>NY</b>
Bridgewater	Hawthorn	Plainfield	Cornwall
Clifton	Hillsborough	Pompton Plains	Cornwall-on-
Colts Neck	Hoboken	Roseland	Hudson
Cresskill	Howell	Roselle	Highland Falls
Dayton	Jersey City	Rutherford	New City
E. Brunswick	Kearny	Saddle Brook	Poughkeepsie
E. Rutherford	Kendall Park	Secaucus	Slate Hill
Elmwood Park	Lyndhurst	Sparta	Somers
Emerson	Manalapan	Summit	Valhalla
Englewood	Mawah	Tenafly	White Plains
Essex Fells	Middletown	Tinton Falls	<b>PA</b>
Ewing	Monmouth Junct.	Union City	Bethlehem
Fairlawn	Montclair	Wanaque	

*"Your programs were so appropriately suited to the different ages. I'll never forget the enthusiasm the children had after your visit. They all wanted to go back to class and write stories. The thrill of writing you instilled is still evident even though it's been weeks since you were here."*

— Ken Yates, principal  
Elberfeld Elementary School