



VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISITS WITH JESSICA YOUNG: Jessica is the author of a variety of picture books, early readers, and chapter books, including the award-winning MY BLUE IS HAPPY, PLAY THIS BOOK, PET THIS BOOK, the HAGGIS AND TANK UNLEASHED series, the FINLEY FLOWERS series, SPY GUY THE NOT-SO-SECRET AGENT, A WISH IS A SEED, the FAIRYLIGHT FRIENDS series, and I'LL MEET YOU IN YOUR DREAMS. She has been a teacher for over twenty years, and she loves sharing the creative process with kids! Find out more at: www.jessicayoungbooks.com or contact her at jessica@jessicayoungbooks.com to talk about options, including grants for virtual visits.

Presentations include reading, interactive activities, and Q&A:



- #1 Story Gardening** — A look at the writing and publishing process from idea seed to finished book, including first drafts, revision, teamwork, and the importance of perseverance.
- #2 Author Tools** — Similes, alliteration, metaphor, rhyme, onomatopoeia, and wordplay help get ideas across and make writing sing. Take an interactive look at these author tools using examples from Jessica’s books.
- #3 Combination** — A blend of #1 and #2, zooming out to look at the process and zooming in on writing tools.

- One or two classes (up to 50 kids) at a time preferred, up to four presentations per day
- 40-55-minute sessions, including Q&A (length adaptable according to grade level)

Many books are available in ebook format, and families/teachers can also order signed books online from Parnassus Books: <https://www.parnassusbooks.net/JessicaYoung> Signed bookmarks can be sent to the visit coordinator to be distributed to students.

WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING:

“We were thrilled to have the opportunity to have a virtual zoom session with Ms. Jessica Young. Students miss each other, teachers are missing their students, and this provided a great time to relax and enjoy a great book and hear expert advice on writing. We thank you so much for providing this opportunity during a time we are all learning how this virtual learning works. It seemed easy today. ☺” — Jamie Claybrooks, Librarian, Nashville, TN

“Our 1st graders LOVED getting the chance to interact with author Jessica Young and ask her questions about writing and reading. She even had them playing their air guitars as she read from her new book, Play This Book.” — Katrina Hall, Librarian, Edmonds, WA

“Our students thoroughly enjoyed connecting with Jessica for a virtual Q&A session . . . She is personable, engaging, and most certainly, passionate about her work.” — Miranda Kral, Teacher Librarian, Oxford, IA

“Jessica’s dynamic and cheerful personality made our Skype session fun and kept students engaged. She was authentic and gave . . . tips on improving writing and embracing the writing process. We loved having her as a guest speaker after reading her books!” — Rachelle Mendes, English Teacher, Livingston, CA

