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## Bios of Children's and Adolescent Authors Available for School Visits

### Grades K – 5

**Lori Alexander** [www.lorialexanderbooks.com](http://www.lorialexanderbooks.com)

*All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World*

*Future President*

*Future Astronaut*

*Backhoe Joe*

Lori Alexander loves to read and write! She has written picture books like *Backhoe Joe* and *Famously Phoebe* as well as the Future Baby board book series. She also writes non-fiction chapter books, such as *All in a Drop* and *A Sporting Chance*. Lori resides in sunny Tucson, Arizona, with her scientist husband and two book loving kids. She runs when it's cool (rarely) and swims when it's hot (often). Then she gets back to reading and writing. In addition to her website, Lori is on Twitter @LoriJAlexander and Instagram @lorialexanderbooks

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$350/half-day; \$700/full day (see "Visits" on website)

Grades K – 5

**Mary Amato** <https://www.maryamato.com/>

*Sing with Me, Lucy McGee*

*News from Me, Lucy McGee*

*The Riot Brother: Take the Mummy and Run*

*Drooling and Dangerous*

Mary Amato is an award-winning children's and young adult book author, poet, playwright, and songwriter. Her books have been translated into foreign languages, optioned for television, produced onstage, and have won the children's choice awards in Ohio, Minnesota, Utah, and Arizona. She teaches popular workshops on writing and the creative process around the country.

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## Steven Banks

### *Middle School Bites*

Steven Banks is a writer who received an Emmy nomination as head writer on *Spongebob Squarepants*, wrote for *The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron* and *Catdog*, appeared on TV shows like *Penn & Teller's Fool Us*, attended Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Clown College, wrote a book called *King of the Creeps*, co-created the international theater sensation *Shadowland*, and lives in California with his wife. He was once bitten by a donkey, but did not turn into Donkey Man.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades K – 5

## Annie Barrows

### *The Best of Iggy*

### *Ivy & Bean* series

Annie Barrows did none of the things in *The Best of Iggy*. As a kid, Annie Barrows was good and sweet and well-behaved. All the time, she was good. At least, no one ever caught her doing anything bad, which is the same as being good. She was so good that birds landed on her fingertips and sang. She was so good that people gave her candy for no reason. She was so good that her teachers cried when she went to the next grade. She got worse when she grew up.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades K – 5

## Maribeth Boelts

### *Kaia and the Bees / Kaia y las Abejas*

### *A Bike Like Sergio's / Una bicicleta como la de Sergio*

### *Those Shoes / Esos zapatos*

Maribeth Boelts is the author of many books for young readers, including *Happy Like Soccer*, illustrated by Lauren Castillo, and *Those Shoes* and *A Bike Like Sergio's*, both illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. Maribeth Boelts lives in Iowa.

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Grades K – 5

**Max Brallier** <http://www.maxbrallier.com/>  
*The Last Kids On Earth and the Midnight Blade*  
*The Last Kids On Earth*  
*The Last Kids On Earth Survival Guide*

Max Brallier is the New York Times bestselling author of more than thirty books and games, including the Last Kids on Earth series. He is the creator and writer of *Galactic Hot Dogs*, an ongoing middle-grade web serial and book series. He writes for Adventure Time, Regular Show, and Uncle Grandpa. Under the pen name Jack Chabert, he is the creator and author of the Eerie Elementary series. In the olden days, he worked in the marketing department at St. Martin's Press. Max lives just outside of New York City with his wife and daughter.

Availability: Friday, March 13  
Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)  
Grades K – 5

**Lulu Delacre** [www.luludelacre.com](http://www.luludelacre.com)  
*Rafi and Rosi Music! Rafi and Rosi ¡Música!*  
*¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Olinguito, from A to Z!*  
*Us, in Progress: Short Stories About Young Latinos*  
*Arrorró mi niño: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games*

Three-time Pura Belprá Award honoree Lulu Delacre is a New York Times Bestselling artist who was born and raised in Puerto Rico by Argentinean parents. Her 40 titles include *Arroz con Leche: Popular Songs and Rhymes from Latin America*, *¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado; Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest* and her story collection *Us, in Progress: Short Stories About Young Latinos*. Her recent works include *Turning Pages* by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and *Rafi and Rosi Music!*. Delacre has lectured internationally and has exhibited at The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, The Original Art Show at the Society of Illustrators in New York, the Museum of Art of Puerto Rico, and the Zimmerli Art Museum among other venues. Reading is Fundamental honored her with a Champion of Children's Literacy Award.



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Honorarium: \$800/day (no hotel fee)

Grades K – 5

**Sherri Duskey Rinker** <http://www.sherririnker.com/>

*How to Put an Octopus to Bed*

*Three Cheers for Kid McGear*

*Mighty, Mighty, Construction Site*

*Steam Train, Dream Train*

Sherri is the #1 NYT bestselling author of the Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site series, and its most recent offering, *Three Cheers for Kid McGear*. She also authored the picturebook biography *Big Machines: The Story of Virginia Lee Burton*, which received starred reviews from Kirkus and Booklist. Her other titles include *Steam Train, Dream Train* and *Celebrate YOU*. Sherri lives in the Chicago area with her husband, two sons and one fluffy dog. Inspired by her sons, by her 25-year career as a graphic designer and her own childhood memories, Sherri writes from a place of love and in hopes of happier bedtimes and sweet dreams for all. In addition to writing, Sherri loves to read, collect antique oil paintings, cook, garden and travel.

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Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades K – 5 and Preschool

**Xavier Garza**

*Maximilian and the Curse of the Fallen Angel*

*Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel*

*Maximilian and the Bingo Rematch*

*Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask*

Born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, Xavier Garza is a prolific author, artist, and storyteller whose work focuses on his experiences growing up in the small border town of Rio Grande City. He has exhibited his art and performed his stories in venues throughout the United States. He is the author of 14 books, including *Just One Itsy Bitsy Little Bite* and Maximillian series. Xavier Garza lives with his family in San Antonio.

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Honorarium: \$750/day  
Grades K – 5

**Shawn Harris** <https://www.shawnharris.info/>

*Everyone's Awake*

*Her Right Foot*

*What Can a Citizen Do?*

Shawn Harris is an artist and musician who lives in San Francisco. He got his start doing record and poster art for his band the Matches, moving on to illustrate for popular musicians including Adele, Snoop Dogg, and 311. His first picture book *Her Right Foot*, written by Dave Eggers, was the recipient of six starred reviews and was followed by *What Can a Citizen Do?*. Shawn's newest book is *Everyone's Awake* written by Colin Meloy.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades K – 5

**Jessica Hische** <http://jessicahische.is/>

*Tomorrow I'll Be Kind*

*Tomorrow I'll Be Brave*

Jessica Hische is the New York Times bestselling author of *Tomorrow I'll Be Brave*. She grew up in Pennsylvania and cut her creative teeth in New York. She currently lives in San Francisco, where she works as a letterer, illustrator, type designer, and relentless procrastinator.

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Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades K – 5

**Rashin Kheiriyeh** <http://www.rashinart.com/>

*Story Boat*

*Saffron Ice Cream*

*The Book Tree*

Rashin Kheiriyeh is an internationally recognized, award-winning illustrator/author, animator and painter. She has published over eighty children's books in the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Germany, Spain, South



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Korea, China, Brazil, India and Iran and received fifty national and international awards. She is from Tehran, Iran, and is a lecturer at the Department of Art, University of Maryland. She enjoys designing for clients and publishers around the world.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$600

Grades K – 5

**Oge Mora** [www.ogemora.com](http://www.ogemora.com)

*Saturday*

*Thank You, Omu!*

Oge Mora graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. Her first picture book, *Thank You, Omu!*, was a Caldecott Honor, a New York Times Notable Book, and a Junior Library Guild selection. Her illustration work is also featured in *Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World* by Susan Hood. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None

Grades K – 5

**Carolina Quiroga-Stultz** <https://www.carolinastoryteller.com/>

*The Hungry Goddess*

Carolina Quiroga-Stultz is a Bilingual Storyteller Performer and Podcaster, with a Masters in Storytelling from the East Tennessee State University (ETSU). Her large repertoire of bilingual stories explores Native and Afro-Latin American and Hispanic myths, legends and mysteries ranging from El Río Bravo to La Patagonia. Her bilingual storytelling enchants her audiences with her compelling mannerisms and the passion she brings to each story. She has performed at regional festivals and conferences and at numerous schools, libraries, universities and colleges to culturally and socially diverse audiences.

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Honorarium: \$600/day for three sessions

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## **Adam Rex** [www.AdamRex.com](http://www.AdamRex.com)

*Pluto Gets the Call*

*Nothing Rhymes with Orange*

*The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*

*School's First Day of School*

*Chu's Day*

*True Meaning of Smekday*

Adam Rex is the New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich*. His other books include *The True Meaning of Smekday*, which was made into the hit animated movie *Home*; *Moonday*; and *School's First Day of School*, illustrated by Christian Robinson. He also illustrated the Bricton Brothers series, *Billy Twitters and His Blue Whale Problem*, *Chloe and the Lion*, and *How This Book Was Made*, all by Mac Barnett and *Chu's Day*, by Neil Gaiman. He lives in Tucson, Arizona. In addition to his website, Adam can be found on Twitter @MrAdamRex.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: No fee for Title 1 schools

Grades K – 5

## **Michael Rex** <http://mikerexbooks.blogspot.com/>

*Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots*

*Eat Pete*

*Goodnight Goon: A Petrifying Parody*

Michael Rex has written and/or illustrated over forty children's books, including *Eat Pete*, *With Any Luck, I'll Drive a Truck*, and the New York Times #1 bestsellers *Goodnight Goon*, *The Runaway Mummy*, *Truck Duck*, and the Fangbone series (which has been turned into an animated TV series). He has worked as a New York City art teacher. He lives in Leonia, New Jersey, with his wife and their two sons.

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**Christina Soontornvat** <https://soontornvat.com>

*A Wish in the Dark*

*The Blunders: A Counting Catastrophe!*

Christina Soontornvat grew up in a small Texas town where she spent many childhood days behind the counter of her parents' Thai restaurant with her nose in a book. She is the author of many books for young readers, including *The Blunders*, illustrated by Colin Jack. She now lives in Austin Texas, with her husband and two children.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$1000/day

Grades K – 5

**Jonathan Stutzman** [www.jonathonstutzman.com](http://www.jonathonstutzman.com)

*Tiny T. Rex and the Very Dark Dark*

*Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug*

Jonathan Stutzman is an award-winning filmmaker and writer. His short films have screened at film festivals all over the world and on television. He lives in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

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Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades K – 5

**Amy Ludwig VanDerwater** [www.poemfarm.amylv.com](http://www.poemfarm.amylv.com)

*Write! Write! Write!*

*Read! Read! Read!*

*With My Hands: Poems About Making Things*

*Forest Has a Song*

*Every Day Birds*

*Dreaming of You*

*Poems are Teachers: How Studying Poetry Strengthens Writing in All Genres*

Amy Ludwig VanDerwater is author of children's books including: *Forest Has a Song*, *Every Day Birds*, *Read! Read! Read!*, *With My Hands*, *Dreaming of You*, and *Write! Write! Write!* as well as the professional book *Poems Are Teachers: How Studying Poetry Strengthens Writing in All Genres*. A graduate of





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Teachers College, former fifth grade teacher, and writing teacher of 20 years, Amy leads school assemblies, offers writing workshops for all ages, and speaks frequently at conferences. She makes her home in Western New York, making art, scribbling, and sharing snips of life at her popular classroom blog. In addition to her website, Amy can be found on Twitter @amylvpoemfarm.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: Negotiable (Hotel is paid)

Grades K – 5

**Eric Velasquez**    <http://www.ericvelasquez.com/>

*Octopus Stew*

*Looking for Bongo*

*Ol' Clip Clap*

Eric Velasquez has won the John Steptoe/Coretta Scott King Award for new talent, a Pura Belpre Award, an NAACP Image Award, and a Carter G. Woodson Award. His books include *Ol' Clip Clap: A Ghost Story* and *New Shoes*. The son of Afro-Puerto Rican parents who encouraged music and storytelling, Eric grew up in Spanish Harlem, New York. As a child, he loved superheroes, comics and drawing, much like the boy in *Octopus Stew*, his newest book. He teaches illustration at the Fashion Institute of Technology and lives in New York.

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Honorarium: \$1500/day (No hotel fee)

Grades K – 5



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### Grades K – 8

**Carole Boston Weatherford** <https://cbweatherford.com/>

*By and By: Charles Albert Tindley, The Father of Gospel Music*

*The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip Hop*

*You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airman*

*Be a King*

*Moses*

*Schomburg*

*Voice of Freedom*

*Freedom in Congo Square*

*Becoming Billie Holiday*

Carole Boston Weatherford is the author of over 50 books, including the Caldecott Honor winners *Freedom in Congo Square*, *Voice of Freedom*, *Fannie Lou Hamer*, and *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*. She won a Coretta Scott King Author Honor for *Becoming Billie Holiday* and other awards for *Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America*, *The Legendary Miss Lena Horne*, and *Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library*. Her latest releases are *By and By: Charles Albert Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music* and *The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip Hop*. She teaches at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$1000/day for Title 1 schools

Grades K – 5, 4 – 8

### Grades 4 – 8

**Avi** <https://www.avi-writer.com/>

*Gold Rush Girl*

*The Button War*

*The Most Important Thing*

Avi is one of the most celebrated authors writing for children today, having received many awards, including the Newbery for *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*. His other well-known books include *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, *Nothing but the Truth*, the Poppy books, and *The Fighting Ground*. He lives in Colorado.

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Honorarium: \$1000/day

Grades 4 – 8

**John August** <https://johnaugust.com/>

*Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire*

*Arlo Finch in the Lake of the Moon*

*Arlo Finch in the Kingdom of Shadows*

Born and raised in Boulder, Colorado, John August has a degree in journalism and film. As a screenwriter, his credits include *Big Fish*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Corpse Bride*, *Frankenweenie*, and the 2019 *Aladdin*. He is the author of the Arlo Finch series.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades 4 – 8

**Pablo Cartaya** <http://www.pablocartaya.com/>

*Each Tiny Spark*

*Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*

*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*

Pablo Cartaya is an award-winning author, speaker, actor, and educator. He received a Pura Belpre Honor for *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*. NBC News lauded *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*, as “exceptional” and the New York Times Books Review called it “a love song to the people of Puerto Rico.” His most recent novel is *Each Tiny Spark*, which was described as a “layered, culturally rich novel” by Publishers Weekly in a starred review. His novels explore identity, place, and the spaces in-between.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$1500/day

Grades 4 – 8

**Decur**

*When You Look Up*

Guillermo Decurgez, “Decur”, from Rosario, Argentina, is a self-taught cartoonist and illustrator, and the author of *Merci!*, *Pipi cucu*, *Semillas 1*, and *Mi cajon favorito*. His work has been published in the newspapers and magazines and

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he has illustrated board games and books. His paintings have been exhibited in France, Spain, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, La Rioja, Buenos Aires, and Rosario. Decur's English-language graphic novel debut is *When You Look Up*.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: Negotiable (Publisher sponsored) Spanish will be the language of the presentation.

Grades 4 – 8

### **Carlos Hernandez**

*Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe*

*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe*

*The Assimilated Cuban's Guide to Quantum Santeria*

Carlos Hernandez is a professor of English, a game designer and enthusiast, and a writer. He published first solo collection of short stories for grown-ups, *The Assimilated Guide to Quantum Santeria*. Most recently, Carlos published *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* as part of the Rick Riordan Presents imprint, and he couldn't be more thrilled to be writing for middle-grade. The sequel, *Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe*, is out in Spring of 2020.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: Prefers classroom visits, \$750/day

Grades 4 – 8

### **Heather Kassner** <https://www.heatherkassner.com/>

*The Bone Garden* (2019)

*The Forest of Stars* (2020)

Heather Kassner loves thunderstorms, hummingbirds, and books. She lives with her husband in Arizona, waiting (and waiting and waiting) for the rain, photographing hummingbirds, and reading and writing strange little stories. *The Bone Garden* is her debut.

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### **Trenton Lee Stewart**

*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Riddle of Ages*

*The Mysterious Benedict Society*

*The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict*

*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*

*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoners Dilemma*

Trenton Lee Stewart is the author of the award-winning and New York Times best-selling *Mysterious Benedict Society* series and the *Secret Keepers*. He lives in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Hotel only)

Grades 4 – 8

### **Grades 4 – 12**

**Sharon M. Draper** <http://sharondraper.com/>

*Blended*

*Out of My Mind*

*Stella by Starlight*

*Tears of a Tiger*

*Forged by Fire*

*Copper Sun*

Sharon M. Draper is a professional educator, as well as an accomplished writer of over thirty award-winning books for adolescents and teachers, including *Copper Sun*, winner the Coretta Scott King Award, the highly acclaimed Jericho and Hazelwood trilogies, and *Out of My Mind*, which remains on the New York Times bestseller list. She served as the National Teacher of the Year, has been honored at the White House six times, and was selected by the U.S. State Department to be a literary ambassador to the children of Africa as well as China. In 2015 she was honored by the American Library Association for a lifetime literary achievement. Her newest novel, *Blended*, is also a NYTimes best seller.

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Honorarium: Negotiable, depends on the request

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**Patrice Vecchione** <https://patricevecchione.com/>

*My Shouting, Shattered, Whispering Voice: A Guide to Writing Poetry and Speaking Your Truth*

*Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience*

*Step into Nature: Nurturing Your Imagination and Spirit in Everyday Life*

*Whisper & Shout: Poems to Memorize*

Patrice Vecchione is an author, poet and artist. Patrice's titles include *My Shouting, Shattered, Whispering Voice, The Knot Untied, Territory of Wind* and poetry anthologies for adults and young people.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$100/session and hotel. Poetry writing workshops for students or teachers.

Grades 4 – 8; 9 – 12; teachers

**Matthew Burgess\*** <http://www.matthewjohnburgess.com/>

*Drawing on Walls: A Story of Keith Haring*

*Spellbound: The Art of Teaching Poetry*

*The Unbudgeable Curmudgeon*

*Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings*

Matthew Burgess is an Assistant Professor at Brooklyn College and the author of a poetry collection, *Slippers for Elsewhere*, and two children's books, *Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings* and *The Unbudgeable Curmudgeon*. He edited an anthology of visual art and writing titled *Dream Closet: Meditations on Childhood Space*, as well as a new collection titled *Spellbound: The Art of Teaching Poetry*. His newest books are *Drawing on Walls: A Story of Keith Haring, The Bear and The Moon, OOF*, and *Bird Boy*. A poet-in-residence in New York City public schools since 2001, he also serves as a contributing editor of *Teachers & Writers Magazine*.

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Honorarium: None

Grades 4 – 12

**Josh Cochran\*** <http://joshcochran.com/>

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Josh Cochran grew up in Taiwan and California. He works as an illustrator and muralist based in Brooklyn specializing in bright, dense and conceptual drawings and paintings. His work has received many awards including a Grammy nomination for album artwork. He has worked with clients such as Apple, The New York Times, The New Yorker, Herman Miller and The New York Transit Museum, and sometimes exhibits his work in galleries. Josh has a children's book about artist Keith Haring set to release Spring 2020.

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Honorarium: None

Grades 4 – 12

\* Matthew Burgess and Josh Cochran will visit students in a classroom. They are also willing to do a collaborative art project for students, such as a freestanding painting or something hung on a wall, or a permanent mural--a

## Grades 9 – 12

**Brandy Colbert** <https://www.brandycolbert.com/>

*The Revolution of Birdie Randolph*

*Finding Yvonne*

*Little & Lion*

*Pointe*

Brandy Colbert is the award-winning author of *The Revolution of Birdie Randolph*, *Little & Lion*, *Finding Yvonne*, and *Pointe*. Her short fiction and essays have been published in critically acclaimed anthologies for young people. She is on faculty at Hamline University's MFA program in writing for children, and lives in Los Angeles.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: \$1200/day (negotiable)

Grades 9 – 12

**Mark Oshiro** <https://www.markoshiro.com/>

*Anger Is a Gift*

Mark Oshiro is the award-winning author of *Anger Is a Gift*, which was a finalist in the 31st Annual Lambda Literary Awards for the LGBTQ YA and a winner of the Schneider Family Book Award in 2019. When they are not writing,

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they run the online Mark Does Stuff universe and are trying to pet every dog in the world.

Availability: Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Hotel for one night)

Grades 9 – 12

**Mimi Yu** <http://www.mimiyu.info/>

*The Girl King*

Mimi Yu was born and raised in rural upstate New York and is an alumna of VONA/Voices, graduating from Sarah Lawrence College and the New School/Parsons School of Design. She currently resides in Chicagoland with her husband. When she's not writing, she enjoys gardening, quilting, boxing, and fostering kittens. She has five cats, one dog, and four planets in Aquarius.

Availability: Friday, March 13

Honorarium: None (Publisher sponsored, including hotel)

Grades 9 – 12