



VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISITS WITH JESSICA YOUNG:

Jessica is the author of the award-winning MY BLUE IS HAPPY, A WISH IS A SEED, PLAY THIS BOOK and PET THIS BOOK, the FAIRYLIGHT FRIENDS early reader series, the HAGGIS AND TANK UNLEASHED early chapter book series, the FINLEY FLOWERS chapter book series, SPY GUY THE NOT-SO-SECRET AGENT, and I'LL MEET YOU IN YOUR DREAMS (Spring 2021). When she's not writing, she loves sharing the writing process with students. 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 a 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 writing 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)

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

"Jessica kept the students engaged throughout the presentation and cleverly incorporated how similes, metaphors and alliteration can be used in their writing. The students were creating their own with a little help from her! It was amazing!" — Lisa Valentine, 5th Grade Teacher, Center Moriches, NY

"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

Book orders and bookmarks: If families or teachers would like to purchase signed books, they can order directly online from Parnassus Books (they ship the books directly to the students): <https://www.parnassusbooks.net/JessicaYoung> Signed bookmarks can also be sent to the visit coordinator to be distributed to students.

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