## ALLAN'S BOOKS



#### The Werepenguin Trilogy

- The Curse of the Werepenguin
- The Revenge of the Werepenguin

• The Battle of the Werepenguins (Viking) When 12-year old orphan Bolt Wattle is sent to live with a mysterious Baron in a far off country, he doesn't realize that his life is about to change for the far worse. With a fearsome girl bandit by his side. Bolt learns the

value of family and friendship while he battles mind-controlled penguins, powerful mole creatures and a fierce whale cult. If he fails, the world is doomed.

"Young Frankenstein meets The Princess Bride in the most hysterically hilarious book I've read in years." —Chris Grabenstein

#### **The Pet War**

(Scholastic) Otto wants a dog. His older sister wants a cat. It's a battle of wits and money earning, sibling rivalry and fur. Until they learn to work together, this isn't some everyday disagreement. It's war.

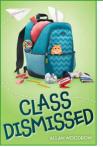
*The Pet War* themes include responsibility, teamwork and economics.

# The Rotten Adventures of Zachary Ruthless

(Harper Collins) Zachary wants to join the world's most nefarious band of super villains: the Society Of Utterly Rotten, Beastly And Loathsome Lawbreaking Scoundrels (aka SOURBALLS). But Zachary must first survive a battle with the malevolent Mayor Mudfogg, and other foes.



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UNSCHOOLE

#### **Class Dismissed**

(Scholastic) Class 507 is so terrible that when a science experiment goes disastrously wrong, their teacher quits in the middle of the lesson. But through a mix-up, the school office never finds out. Can these fifth graders keep it a secret? Or will the greatest school year ever turn into the worst disaster in school history?

"Aimed equally at boys and girls, this engaging comedy offers some life lessons with a giggle." —Kirkus

#### Unschooled

(Scholastic) The second Liberty Falls Elementary book finds the fifth graders competing during Spirit Week. But with slimed lockers, mean-spirited pranks and all sorts of sabotage, the most awesome week of fifth grade might become the worst week in school history.

*Unschooled* highlights the power of working together, good sportsmanship, and standing up for what's right.

#### **Field Tripped**

(Scholastic) The third book in the "Liberty Falls Elementary" series finds the fifth graders visiting a mysterious mansion once owned by the eccentric inventor and founder of their town. But with hidden traps, thieving schemes, mischievous pranks and the snowstorm of the century, can the students save their trip and the mansion, or will this be the last field trip in school history?

"A quick-paced, goofy delight." —Kirkus

### and written by Fowler DeWitt:

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The Contagious Colors of Mumpley Middle School

The Amazing Wilmer Dooley

# ALLAN WOODROW



# Presentations and Workshops

Allan's presentations combine humor and inspiration, wrapped around an earnest passion for writing, reading and fun. A day-long school visit consists of up to three fifty-minute presentations (including Q&A), which can include assemblies and/ or workshops, plus lunch with students or teachers (Allan promises to chew with his mouth closed).

Allan loves visiting schools and libraries because (he claims) he was once a child, and loiters in libraries. His visits are best for students in 3rd through 6th grades, but he loves to talk to anyone.

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## ABOUT ALLAN

Allan Woodrow is the author of more than thirty books for children. Way before he became a published writer, Allan grew up in the middle of the Michigan mitten where he spent his time fruitlessly wishing something interesting would happen, so that he could write a book about it. Since nothing much happened, he spent his time creating bad mitten jokes instead. Here's one:

What did the one mitten say to the other mitten when it stole the shuttlecock?

#### Bad mitten! Bad mitten!

When nothing particularly interesting continued to happen, Allan ventured into advertising. Allan spent more than two decades in advertising, from writing television commercials that cost millions of dollars to produce, to websites that cost about \$1.98. After winning dozens of industry awards, Allan became fascinated by the books his kids were reading. So he decided to stop fruitlessly waiting for something bookworthy to happen, and wrote something anyway. *The Rotten Adventures of Zachary Ruthless* was Allan's first book. He's been fortunate enough to write others. Chances are, he's writing at this very moment.

Allan lives with his family outside Chicago. He is available to visit just about anywhere that has airports and roads. He can swim part of the way, but would rather not because he is not a very good swimmer.

## ABOUT FOWLER DeWitt

Fowler has been called the world's greatest author\*. He is also available for presentations, assuming he can find his mustache.

\*By Fowler's Aunt

## **ABOUT ALLAN'S PRESENTATIONS**

All of Allan's presentations reflect his passion for books and include plenty of jokes that are (hopefully) funnier than the mitten joke found elsewhere in this brochure.

## ★ FROM Little League to BooksHelves

Allan discusses his journey as a writer, from an aspiring but untalented third grade author, and horrible Little League baseball player, to a grownup who learned to overcome his fear of striking out. The presentation is inspirational and funny. Best for assemblies.

# HOW TO BECOME A GREAT

Allan shares tips on how students can become awesome writers by practicing, reading and following Allan's four-steps for revising. Allan also focuses on his love of writing, starting with the first book he ever wrote (in third grade. . . an indecipherable mess, bringing hope to kids everywhere). For assemblies and classrooms.

### **THE PET AND CLASS WAR WORKSHOP**

Referencing Allan's book *The Pet War*, this lively workshop focuses on elements of persuasive writing. The class will work together to convince its teacher to adopt a classroom pet (no, teachers are not forced to adopt a pet, although they are welcome to). Best in a classroom environment (20–50 kids, give or take a dozen).

### **+ Personalized Workshops**

Want a workshop to complement a specific lesson plan or area of study? Point of View, Revision, and Where To Get Inspiration are just some of the topics Allan has used to create customized workshops for classrooms (Ask Allan for rates).

## **BOOK SALES & SIGNINGS**

Allan's visits are always better when students are familiar with his books. Book sales should be arranged in advance through publishers or a local bookstore. Allan will sign any books purchased or brought to school. He's also happy to sign bookmarks, scraps of paper, and just about anything else.

## HONORARIUM

- \$1800 for a full day visit, plus travel and other expenses
- Chicagoland area only: \$1400 for a full-day visit, and \$900 for a half-day visit
- Please contact Allan for foreign rates

Upon agreement of terms, a contract will be supplied via email with terms and random legal stuff.

## Virtual Visits

Allan is happy to visit a classroom or group via Zoom or your virtual app of choice. Allan's virtual visits are free for a 15-minute Q&A, assuming pre-sales of at least one of his books are made available.

## Want to know more?

Contact Allan via his website to learn about his availability and his favorite flavor of gum.

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