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School and Library Visits

One of my very favorite things about being a children's author is speaking to kids at schools. I love sharing with them the joys of writing and reading, and helping them get excited to write their own stories and delve into reading. I have several presentations and workshops available to best meet the needs of your kids. If you think I can help the students in your class or school, I would love to visit in person or via Skype.



"We were so fortunate to be able to have Peggy Eddleman come to speak to our students. She was a big hit with the kids! She was prepared and organized and her material was very educational, inspiring, and motivating. I am thrilled our students were able to hear from Peggy Eddleman! I can highly endorse her and her books to anyone!"

—Jen Dexter,
Northridge Elementary

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Peggy grew up in an area filled with untamed places to explore, with parents who allowed her to be daring, and with resourceful siblings, which combined to make her middle grade years one giant action / adventure story. The magic of those years has never truly left Peggy, and she can't help but tap into them as she writes books like *Sky Jumpers* and *The Forbidden Flats*. Today, Peggy lives at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in Utah with her husband and three kids. You can find out more about Peggy online at www.peggyeddleman.com.



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ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS:

(These presentations work great with audiences of 50-600 kids)

Working With Your Strengths

My presentation is upbeat and fun, and encourages kids to work with their strengths— to figure out what kinds of things they're good at, and to use those strengths to make a difference in the world. I talk about writing, finding ideas, how I got the ideas for Sky Jumpers, editing, and about how combining creativity with your strengths makes them pretty incredible.

The Steps to Becoming a Writer

In this presentation, I talk about how I became an author, and tell about the writing and revision process. I show parts of my editorial letters and my marked up manuscripts. I bring out the importance of getting feedback from classmates and teachers with their own writing projects, and tell about how that is very similar to what authors do. I talk about brainstorming, including how to find new ideas for characters, setting, and plot, and how combining two very different ideas makes for a more interesting story.

WORKSHOPS (IN PERSON OR OVER SKYPE):

(These presentations work best with a single grade or class, up to 150 kids)

Brainstorming

We talk about the rules for the best kind of brainstorming, then brainstorm together on some pictures that are begging for more story to be figured out about them. I give the kids a chance to come up with an idea themselves on some great pictures. We talk about what to do when you get stuck, and can't seem to think of any ideas. This workshop helps kids see that they can come up with some unique ideas on their own, and helps them not to be intimidated by a blank page.

Writing Description

We talk about ways to use description to show emotion instead of telling the reader what to feel, how to show characterization, and how to describe setting, with an opportunity for the kids to do each of the three, and share with the group. We talk about times when you have to adjust the amount of description you show, and how the exact same scene can be described very differently just by who is doing the describing. This workshop helps kids to truly grasp the concept of "Show, don't tell."

The Five Things Every Book Needs

In this workshop, we talk about each of the five things every book needs (humor, scariness, a sense of wonder, action / adventure, and mystery), ways to put it in your story, whether you want a little of it or a lot of it. The kids will get a chance at the end of each section to write a mini scene with that element, with a few sharing with the class.

All presentations / workshops are 50 minutes long, and include a short Q&A. Book orders and complimentary signing sessions available.

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"Peggy Eddleman is a delight. We have been fortunate enough to have her visit twice. Each time, she does an incredible job involving the students, and exciting them about writing and reading. We look forward to each book she publishes, and hope to have her visit many times in the future." – Liz VanLeeuwen
Librarian, Canyon Rim Academy

"Anytime a young writer gets the chance to rub elbows with a published author, it's a moment she can imagine her own notions growing legs and navigating paths. Peggy Eddleman's visit to our school reinforced the hard work of writing and, more importantly, the magic of story. I suspect we now have a few aspiring middle school novelists!" – Hillside Middle School

"This author presentation was amazing. The students were engaged throughout the presentation. They learned a great deal about the writing process with a great focus on generating writing ideas. I loved how involved the students were. They were coming up with some amazing writing ideas!" – Vicki Carter, Principal,
Central Elementary School

"The students and teachers were impressed with the program and loved being involved during the presentation!" –Sarah Walz,
Charles L. Kuentz, Jr. Elementary

"Our students loved the assembly and many of them purchased the books either at school or at the book signing. Each book was signed by the author and our hold list is a mile long. I love the enthusiasm this assembly generated among our students for reading!"
– Pam Mellor, Lincoln Academy

"The kids were so engaged during the assembly and they thoroughly enjoyed Peggy's presentation. She talked about the writing process and how great things can come about from just one small idea. Sky Jumpers holding list at Lehi Elementary grows daily. Thanks Peggy!" –Shelly Peterson, Lehi Elementary

"Peggy Eddleman's presentation engaged students by pulling them into the joy of being a writer!"
– Brenda Burr, Sage Creek Elementary



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How do I set up a school visit?

You can contact Peggy directly at peggyeddleman@gmail.com, or you can contact her assistant, Kristine, at kristine@peggyeddleman.com.

What are the fees?

For in-person visits:

\$500 + travel* / half day (up to 2 presentations / workshops + signing)

\$800 + travel* / full day (up to 4 presentations / workshops + signing)

Peggy is happy to have lunch with teachers and/or a group of students on the day she visits.

*For visits outside of Utah, schools will be responsible for round trip airfare, hotel, \$40/day per diem, and local ground transportation.

For school visits in central / northern Utah, a single assembly or workshop is \$150. See above pricing for multiple presentations.

**If you have special circumstances in regards to budget, Peggy will be happy to negotiate fees based on your schools needs.

For Skype visits:

Any of Peggy's workshops or assemblies can be given over Skype to your group / class / grade. A 50 minute workshop with a 10 minute Q&A (60 minutes total) is **\$100**. A 20 minute Q&A session is **free** for any group / class / grade that is reading Sky Jumpers.

What age ranges work best for your presentations?

Typically 3rd to 8th grades, but accommodations can be made for other age groups.

What are your audio/visual requirements?

A projector, a screen, a microphone for assemblies, and a bunch of kids!

How do we order books?

I am happy to help with book orders. I can arrange books to be ordered through a local bookseller, or you can order with a discount directly from Random House. I will provide instructions and a book order form.

How can we best prepare for your visit?

The more the kids know about me and my books before I visit, the more they get from the visit, and the more excited they are to read and write their own books after. They can explore my website at www.peggyeddleman.com where they can go to the Books page to watch the book trailer for SKY JUMPERS, check out all the Sky Jumpers Extras, and read the About Me pages to see if they can come up with tricky questions to ask me during my visit. If you would like to create your own flier or advertisement for my visit, go to the Press page. Author Dan Gutman has some great tips for making the most out of author visits [here](#).

SKY JUMPERS

and **THE FORBIDDEN FLATS**

by Peggy Eddleman

Random House Books for Young Readers

Action / Adventure, Ages 8 and up

Accolades and Praise:

A Texas Bluebonnet Master List pick for 2015-2016
American Booksellers Association ABC Best Books of 2013
New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading & Sharing
Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice for 2016-2017
Mississippi Magnolia Book Nominee for 2016-2017
Golden Sower Book Award Nominee for 2015-2016
South Carolina Book Award Nominee 2015-2016
Beehive Book Award Nominee for 2014-2015
Atlanta Parent Best Books of 2013
An ABC New Voices Title
A Kids' Indie Next List pick

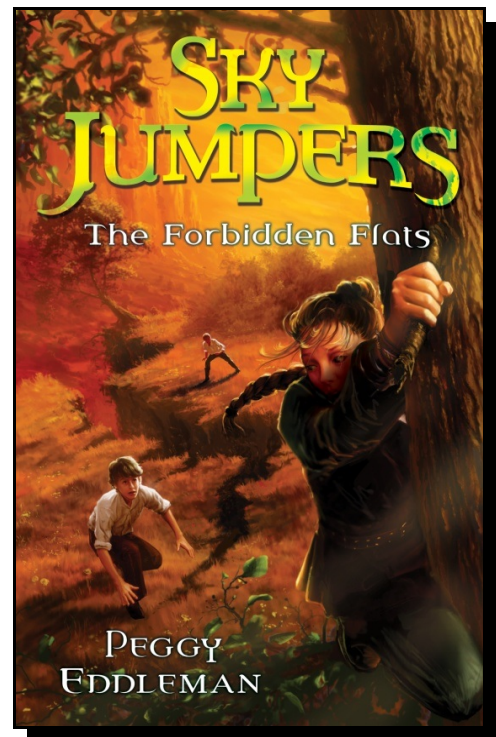
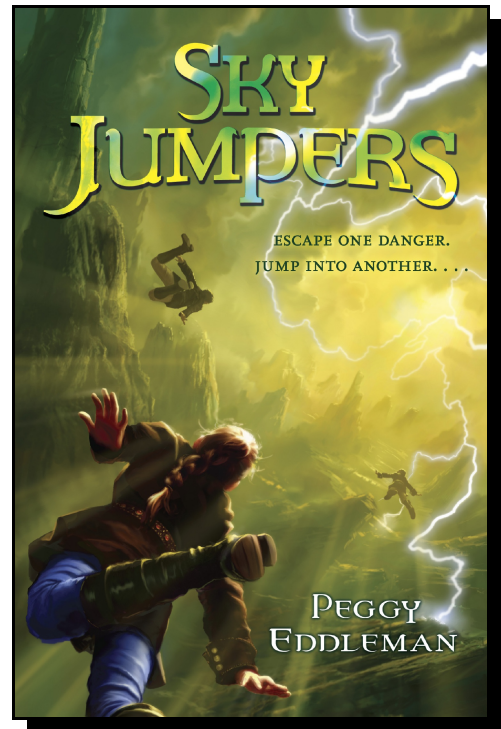
"Adventure and wonder permeate this tale, making it a fun, quick read. Eddleman brings a strong sense of atmosphere, and the underlying message—that it's possible to contribute in unexpected ways—is a positive one."

– Publishers Weekly

"The curriculum strengths of this book include heavy STEM subjects such as chemistry, medical biology, and earth science, as well as the structure of local government and nation building. Students not ready for the violence of The Hunger Games will enjoy the book's adrenaline-rush daredevil adventures in the first installment in this series."

– School Library Journal

"Peggy Eddleman gets everything right in her debut novel, Sky Jumpers. For a post-apocalyptic middle grade story, Eddleman manages to infuse hope and adventure onto every page and into every character. Sky Jumpers has plenty of action and more than enough heart to work its way into the hearts and minds of readers everywhere." – The Deseret News



Random House has created a beautiful Educator's Guide, correlating with Common Core Standards. Click [here](#) to download.