
THE
VANCOUVER
**WRITERS
FEST**



**WRITERS IN THE
CLASSROOM SERIES**
MARCH – MAY 2019

FREE AUTHOR VISITS

The Vancouver Writers Fest will provide nine free author visits to schools across the Lower Mainland between March and May 2019. During each of these Writers in the Classroom events, authors will read from their works, discuss their writing process and chat in an intimate setting with up to 60 students for one class period.

Teachers can request one of the following authors to join them in the classroom this Spring.

HOLMAN WANG

Suitable for: Grades K-5

AVAILABILITY: APRIL 4 OR 5, APRIL 15 – 18, APRIL 22 – 26, APRIL 29 – 30, MAY 6 – 10, MAY 21 – 24, MAY 27 - 31



Holman Wang is a lawyer who also finds time to make children’s books. He and his brother, Jack, are the twin powers behind the board book series *Cozy Classics* and *Star Wars Epic Yarns*, which abridge literary and cinematic classics into just twelve words and twelve needle-felted images.

In 2015, Holman and Jack created a Google Doodle celebrating Laura Ingalls Wilder. Their unique artwork has been exhibited around the world, including at The Original Art exhibition in New York (Society of Illustrators), the Bologna Children’s Book Fair and the National Museum of Play.

Holman lives with his wife and kids in Vancouver, Canada. Visit his website at www.holmanwang.com.

KIT PEARSON

Suitable for: Grades 6–8

AVAILABILITY: MAY 13—MAY 31

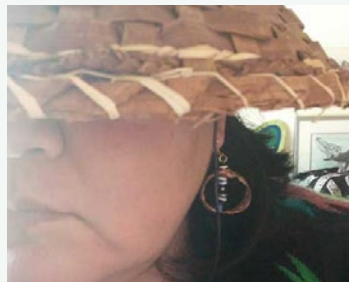


Kit Pearson is one of Canada’s most beloved children’s authors. Her award-winning books include *A Handful of Time*, which has sold more than 250,000 copies since it was published in 1987; the *Guests of War* trilogy; *The Daring Game*; *Awake and Dreaming*; *The Whole Truth*, winner of the CLA Book of the Year for Children Award; *And Nothing but the Truth*; and *A Day of Signs and Wonders*, finalist for the TD Canadian Children’s Literature Award. She is a recipient of the Vicky Metcalf Award for her body of work and the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Literary Excellence. In 2018 Kit was appointed a member of the Order of Canada.

CELESTINE ALECK

Suitable for: All Grades

AVAILABILITY: MARCH 1–30



Celestine Aleck, Sahiltiniye descends from Snuneymuxw First Nations. She has been an artist most of her life which has taught her to learn facts and then mix imagination when writing stories. The beauty that surrounds her inspires her to write.

LEE EDWARD FÖDI

Suitable for: Grades 2–6

AVAILABILITY: ANY DATE IS FINE EXCEPT FOR APRIL 25–29



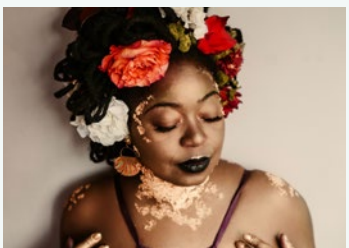
Lee Edward Födi is a children's author, illustrator, and specialized arts educator—or, as he likes to think of himself, a daydreaming expert. He is the author of the *Kendra Kandlestar* series (Simply Read Books) and *The Secret of Zoone* (HarperCollins Children's

Books). When he's not daydreaming himself, Lee teaches kids how to put their own daydreaming to good use at schools, libraries, and through workshops with the Creative Writing for Children (CWC) society, which he co-founded in 2004. During his free time, Lee is a traveler, adventurer, and maker of dragon eggs. He lives in Vancouver.

JILLIAN CHRISTMAS

Suitable for: All Grades

AVAILABILITY: MARCH 18-22



Jillian Christmas lives on the unceded territories of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam people, where she served for six years as Artistic Director of Verses Festival of Words. As an enthusiastic organizer and advocate in the Canadian arts community, her focus has been to increase anti-oppression initiatives in spoken word. She has executed programs in partnership with Toronto Poetry Project, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Opera, and more. Jillian has performed and facilitated spoken word workshops for youth and adults across the country and beyond. Her forthcoming debut book of poetry will be released in Spring 2020 with Arsenal Pulp Press.

NAFIZA AZAD

Suitable for: Grades 8–12

AVAILABILITY: MARCH AND APRIL



Nafiza Azad is a self-identified island girl. She has hurricanes in her blood and dreams of a time she can exist solely on mangoes and pineapple. Born in Lautoka, Fiji, she currently resides in BC,

Canada where she reads too many books, watches too many Kdramas and writes stories about girls taking over the world. Her debut YA fantasy, *The Candle and The Flame*, will be released by Scholastic in 2019.

JULIA NOBLE

Suitable for: Grades 3–6

AVAILABILITY: MARCH 14



Julia Nobel is a teacher from the one part of Canada that gets almost no snow. By the time she was ten, she had a beloved notebook filled with plot ideas for novels and TV shows. Now she carries

another plot-filled notebook, although it's also filled with shopping lists and reminders to feed the cat. *The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane* is her debut novel.

TANYA BOTEJU

Suitable for: Grades 9—12

AVAILABILITY: MARCH 18-22 AND 25-29, APRIL 18, AFTER 12:30PM, APRIL 30, AFTER 12:45PM, MAY 22, AFTER 12:30PM



Tanya Boteju is an English teacher and writer living on unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations (Vancouver, Canada). A born and bred British Columbian, she completed her English and Education degrees at the University of British Columbia, then spent time in New York attaining her Master of Arts through Columbia University's Teachers College. Her novel, *Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens*, will debut May, 2019 with Simon & Schuster. Tanya is grateful for her patient wife, supportive family and friends, committed educators, sassy students, and hot mugs of tea.

CAROLINE ADDERSON

Suitable for: Grades K—3 (30 students max) and 4—7 (60 students max)

AVAILABILITY: MARCH TO MAY EXCEPT MARCH 27-29 AND 4-9 APRIL



Caroline Adderson is the author of a bunch of books for kids. Her newest book, *The Mostly True Story of Pudding Tat, Adventuring Cat* (Groundwood 2019) will be released in April. Caroline's children's books have accumulated many stars and won the Diamond Willow Award, the Helen Isobel Sissons Canadian Children's Story Award, the Sheila Egoff Award, and the Chocolate Lily Book Award. Three of her titles have been Junior Library Guild Selections and have appeared on numerous Best Book lists. Her nominations include the Canadian Library Association's Children's Book of the Year, the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award, the Rocky Mountain Book Award, among others. Caroline lives in Vancouver, BC with her husband and the son who lied to her when he promised he'd always be seven.

TO BOOK AN AUTHOR FOR YOUR CLASS

Please apply by February 20, 2018. Visit <https://writersfest.bc.ca/education/writers-in-the-classroom-form> with the following information:

1. Name of the author you wish to book.
2. The name of your school and its address.
3. A phone number.
4. The estimated number of students at the presentation.
5. The time you would like to book the author for.

Note: Author presentations are flexible and are usually designed by the author after consultations with the teacher in charge of the class(es) they are going to be presenting to.

The availability of authors is non-negotiable.



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