

## **Kori's presentations include:**

**Note: The session fee doesn't include expenses.**

### ***Dante and the Truth about Ferrets (30-45 mins.)***

**\$150/session**

This lively presentation teaches your students everything they could ever want to know about the domesticated ferret. Kori shares what inspired her to devote a series of books to this lovable, furry friend. When possible, she brings a ferret or two along. Your students will learn the answers to these burning questions:

- Why do ferrets smell?
- What do ferrets eat?
- Who's the ferret's closest relative?
- How long do ferrets live?
- Do ferrets get rabies?
- And, more!

**Group size: Class or assembly – The shorter time is for younger audiences.**

### **The "What if?" Writing Game (45 mins.)**

**\$150/session**

In this interactive presentation, Kori shares her writing process with your students. She discusses the importance of brainstorming, outlining versus not outlining, picture book length and word count, revising, editing, and publishing (brief overview.) Working together in small groups, your students will develop a group story. **Group size: 25 students**

Your 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will:

- Brainstorm the beginning, middle, and end of their story
- Create illustrations for their story
- Share their story with the larger group, and
- Receive revision feedback from the group

The students will be invited to share their revised stories for publication on Kori's website: [Kori Miller Kid Lit/Tell Me a Story](#).

### **General Author Q&A (30 mins.)**

**\$100/session**

### **General Author Q&A via Skype or Google Hangout (30 mins.)**

**\$50/session**

Kori is available to answer questions from your students about her books, writing process, and indie/hybrid publishing.

### **EXTRA! EXTRA!**

Kori's happy to pop into a preschool, kindergarten or first grade class to read her book(s), or answer a few writing questions, or to eat lunch with your students during her visit. Give her a heads up about lunch! Kori's a lacto-ovo-pescatarian, so she'll bring her own lunch, or need to get something delivered.

## **Planning Materials**

This pre-visit packet will help you get your students, teachers, and the whole school community “revved up,” and ready for your author visit. To prepare your students, it's important to read Kori's book(s) to your class, or have the students read them independently. Reading and talking about her work ahead of time will help your students have a richer, more meaningful experience.

## **Schedule**

When you plan your schedule, please allow a minimum of 10-15 minutes between presentations so Kori can “re-group” and set up before the next program. Please remember to allow time for lunch (unless you've prearranged for Kori to eat with students or staff.) Also allow time for signing the children's books.

## **Location, Location, Location!**

The best location is a room where Kori can set up her props and books for the day and where students will be comfortable, either seated on the floor, or in chairs, set in a half-circle around her. Libraries are usually ideal; comfy but not crowded, cozy yet roomy enough for demonstrations. There's a subtle, positive “message” when meeting in the library, but if you have a space better suited, that's terrific. If it's a large room, like a gym or cafeteria, then you'll need to set up a microphone and speaker system.

## **Equipment Needs**

Tables (one or two) at the front of the room for books and program props

Microphone (for large groups or large rooms)

Chalk board, or an easel with big tablet and markers, or a smart board

Computer with digital projector and screen, and someone experienced with the equipment to make sure it runs smoothly. Please ask your AV/computer expert to contact Kori beforehand about your setup.

## **Book Sale & Signing**

Books are \$12.00. Eight weeks before your author visit, please send the order form home with your students. Seven weeks before your author visit, tell Kori the number of books she'll need on hand. This timing is crucial, so that Kori can order the books, and either have them shipped to your location, or bring them with her. For every book sold beforehand (8 weeks ahead) and during her visit (day of), Kori will donate .50 to your school library.

## Checklist for a successful author visit

Kori D. Miller's scheduled author visit is \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nine weeks before**

- Modify the sample letter and order form

### **Eight weeks before**

- Send order form to parents

### **Seven weeks before**

- Contact Kori with book count
- Request copies of Kori's book(s) for the appropriate teachers and librarian. Kori will donate up to three books for your school.
- Plan and confirm the schedule. Remember to include 10-15 breaks between presentations, a lunch break, and time to sign books.

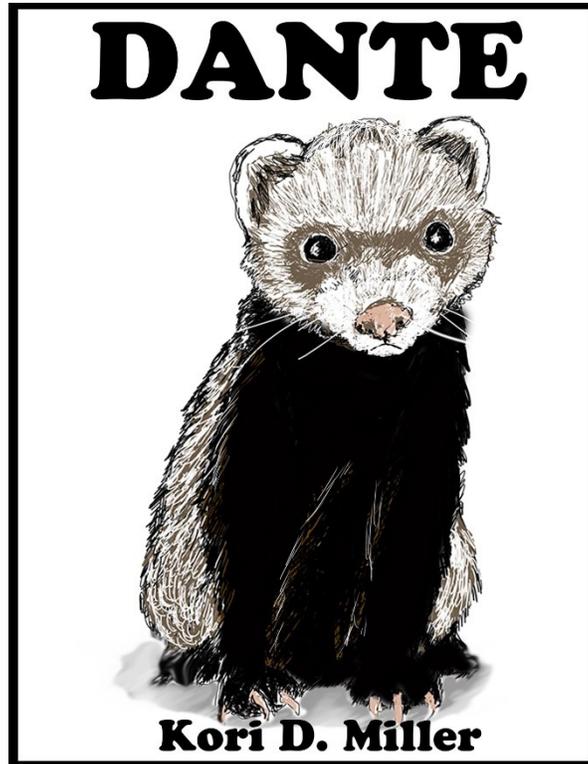
### **Four weeks before**

- Get copies of Kori's book(s) to the appropriate teachers and librarian. Download the pre-visit learning activities and provide them to the teachers and librarian to incorporate into lessons.

### **Two weeks before**

- Mail or email the press release to local media outlets
- If the books have been delivered to your school, then place each child's form into their book in preparation for signing. If Kori is bringing the books, have the forms ready upon her arrival.

## Book Ordering Information



Dante is trapped. He's trapped inside a glass cage with no way to get out. Day after day, he watches as his friends are taken away by The Gatekeeper. Dante, determined to find his friends, plots his escape. One day, The Gatekeeper opens the lid and Dante climbs to the top. He dodges The Gatekeeper's hands and lands onto the floor with a soft thud. Will Dante find his friends, or something more - his forever family?

**Paperback:** 34 pages

**Publisher:** Back Porch Writer Press; 1 edition (December 16, 2014)

**Language:** English

**ISBN-10:** 099147564X

**ISBN-13:** 978-0991475643

**Product Dimensions:** 8.5 x 0.1 x 8.5 inches

## Book Sale & Signing Letter

Copy and paste the sample letter below into your computer's word-processing program, then modify, print and send home to parents. (It can be fit on a single side.)

Dear Parents,

We're excited to tell you about an upcoming event. On **[INSERT DATE]**, author Kori D. Miller will visit our school to speak to all students in **[INSERT GRADES]**. Ms. Miller writes books for preschool through grade 7, and fiction and nonfiction books for adults. She's an enthusiastic speaker, who excites students about reading and writing, and shares tips she's developed during her career as a writer and entrepreneur. If you would like your child to have a book signed by the author, or to order books for gifts, please complete and return this form, with payment, to your child's teacher. Ms. Miller will sign and personalize each book.

As a "thank you" to our school, Ms. Miller will donate .50 to our school library, for each book sold before, and during her visit.

Thank you. Sincerely, **[INSERT YOUR NAME & TITLE]**

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### Book Order & Autograph Form

Child's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**DANTE** \_\_\_\_\_ books @ \$ **[PRICE]** each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Kori Miller Writes and return to your child's teacher by **[INSERT DATE]**

## Press Release

You can copy, paste, and modify this sample press release below into your computer's word-processing program, then print and send it to local news organizations and your school district newsletter. It can fit on a single side.

Media contact:

For more information, author photo, or to schedule an interview:

Kori D. Miller

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Date: [INSERT MAILING DATE]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On [INSERT DATE], children's book author Kori D. Miller will visit [INSERT SCHOOL NAME] to speak to students in [INSERT GRADES]. Through her writing, Ms. Miller creates memorable adventures for children of all ages, and non-fiction and fiction for adults. An experienced speaker, she excites students with personal stories and shares writing tips she's developed during her professional career as a working writer.

Her book, *Dante*, is the story of a young ferret trapped in a pet store. His desire to find his missing friends leads him on a journey to discover more – his forever family.

With more than twenty years of experience training and motivating others, Ms. Miller's enthusiasm and passion for writing and entrepreneurship is contagious. Her goals are simple: to help children enjoy reading, and to explore a world of possibilities through writing. Ms. Miller lives in Fremont, NE.

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