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## SCHOOL VISITS

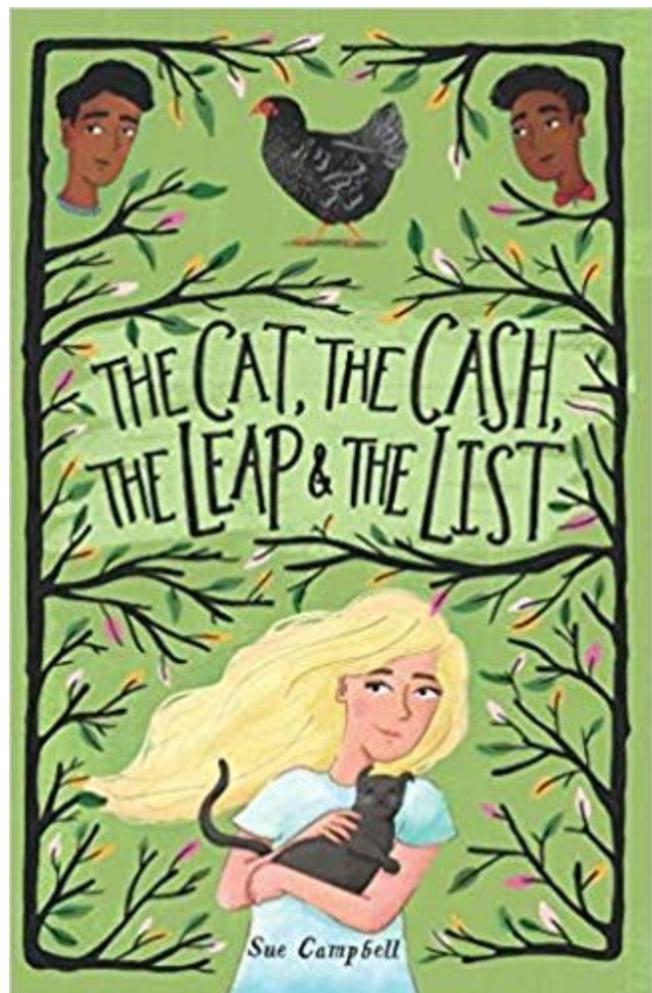
As a middle-grade author and a podcaster, I'd love to visit your school and talk about writing and story structure!

I'm happy to visit anywhere in the Pacific Northwest and California. I also have family in Minnesota, so if you're close to there, give me a shout!

Or, if your class has read *The Cat, the Cash, the Leap, and the List* and you want to talk to me on Skype, that's a great option for other parts of the country.

### **Content options for my school visit:**

- a discussion with students who've read the book, including how the book came to be and how I got input from a classroom full of kids during the writing process
- a discussion of how to create the structure of a story using a circus tent analogy and a knock, knock joke
- a discussion with faculty on story structure and how to teach it to kids in a way that's concrete and fun



Any or all of these options are available—depending on the length of my visit.

### **How to make the visit a success:**

Do some prep work! Just a few minutes of preparation will help students ask amazing questions and get so much value and inspiration from my visit.

Prep activities:

- **Give access to the book** in the class or in the library.
- **Read from the book** in class.
- **Listen to The Mommy’s Pen Podcast** in class. I host a podcast about stories and story structure with my 12-year-old daughter. I’m told that teachers find this a helpful classroom resource when teaching writing. Listen at [mommypen.com](http://mommypen.com) or on your favorite podcast platform.
- **Brainstorm questions.** Help the kids brainstorm questions so when the Q&A time comes, they have something ready.
- **Offer the book for sale ahead of time.** Often the PTO will manage this as a fundraising activity. Local bookstores love to assist.
- **Alert students to the sale!** Nothing is more heartbreaking than watching a student stand empty-handed as friends get their copies signed.
- **Offer the book for sale after the event,** when students can’t wait to read them. If you ship me a box of books, I can sign them and ship them back. Or just email me a list of names and I’ll snail mail you some signed bookplates.

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