

2022-2023

SCHOOL VISITS BY COLLEEN



Presentation Menu

THE TRUE STORY OF A NONFICTION BOOK

Adaptable for grades 1-5 (45-60 minutes)
Discover how THE GREAT STINK went from idea to book, as I discuss the steps of my writing process, including the importance of the “stinky first draft,” multiple revisions, and “tricking” yourself into working hard.

DISCOVER. WONDER. EXPLORE. REPEAT.

Ideal for grades 3-5 (45-60 minutes)
Take a deep dive into the research and revision process, as I share some of my favorite ways to conduct research and offer easy-to-use tips that make revising your work both fun and fruitful.

THE GREAT STINK READING PLUS Q&A

Ideal for grades 1-3 (30-45 minutes)
Sit back. Relax. And enjoy a not-so-stinky story time as I read THE GREAT STINK and answer student’s questions. I always keep a handful of images on hand to add visual interest to my answers.

Make it GREAT!

- Introduce your students to THE GREAT STINK before I arrive.
- Participate in a book sale – and let me handle the details for you.
- Encourage teachers to use the activities in my FREE Teacher's Guide to prolong the fun after I've gone.

Pricing

- A full day in-person visit with multiple presentations and a small group “Lunch with the Author.” = \$1000,* plus travel expenses.**
- A single in-person presentation = \$500, plus travel expenses.**
- A single virtual presentation = \$250.

*Ask about sharing the cost of a full day, in-person visit with another school!

**Travel fees may be waived for schools near Los Angeles & San Mateo, CA or New York, NY depending on the time of year.

For more information or to schedule a visit, email colleen.paeff@gmail.com.



ABOUT COLLEEN

Colleen Paeff is the award-winning author of *THE GREAT STINK: HOW JOSEPH BAZALGETTE SOLVED LONDON'S POOP POLLUTION PROBLEM* (illustrated by Nancy Carpenter). She received a Bachelor's Degree in set design for theater before becoming a bookseller, preschool teacher, and newspaper columnist. (She never did become a set designer!) Eventually, she figured out how to combine books, kids, and writing into one career—as a children's book author. Her debut picture book, *THE GREAT STINK*, was named a 2022 Robert F. Sibert Informational Fiction Honor Book and won the 2022 Golden Kite Award for Nonfiction Text for Young Readers. Look for her second book, *Rainbow Truck* (co-written with Hina Abidi and illustrated by Saffa Khan) from Chronicle Books in 2024. Colleen lives in Los Angeles, CA and Brooklyn, NY.

Teachers Say...

"Colleen Paeff's author visit truly brought the magic of writing narrative nonfiction to life for my students...[her] informative and engaging presentation had them captivated and curious!"

Cheryl Cleary
4th grade teacher
Larchmont Charter School

"Colleen's patience and love shone through as she allowed for the questions at the end. She made the students feel important and sparked their interest to become writers."

Janet Ramdeen Banks
2nd grade teacher
Franklin Avenue Elementary



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