

An Author Visit with Kevin Hawkes!



Planning Your Visit - Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What does Kevin cover in his presentation?

A. Using manuscripts, original sketches, prose and paintings, Kevin will give your students a rare insider glimpse into the world of picture book creation.

Q. What grades are best for his presentation?

A. Kevin will tailor his presentation style to match the age group of the audience. Grades K-2 enjoy his funny stories, silly faces and drawing tips.

Grades 3-5 will take a closer look at drawing faces, hands and people. They will build a spontaneous story together. Grades 6-8 will focus on developing and drawing characters for their own stories. Kevin uses charcoal and markers as drawing tools.

Q. What is the ideal group size for the presentations?

A. Kevin is good at handling several classes at once but preferably not the whole school. We recommend a group size of 75-100 students. Kevin will do up to four presentations in a school day.

Q. What about the setting?

A. Attention spans tend to fill the space around them so a library setting is perfect rather than an auditorium or a gymnasium. Kevin prefers to have students seated on the floor and up close where they can see sketches and drawings best.

Please contact us for availability and for honorarium fees in your area.



Kevin Hawkes



Growing up, I never thought I'd be an artist, I just loved to draw and paint. I drew just about everything I could think of: ships, castles, racecars, monsters and sharks. Art class was my favorite. When I was five, my family lived in central France and many of my childhood memories seem to find their way into my work: cobblestone streets, marshes and woods, grassy hills and Mediterranean skies.

My mother and father loved books. Mom was always reading bedtime stories and Dad entertained us (often from the driver's seat of a white rambler station wagon) with stories of dragons and giants. Some of my favorite books are the *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Secret Garden*, and all of the *Freddy the Pig* books.

In college I signed up for history and science. I took a few art classes too but nothing seemed to grab my attention. Then a friend suggested I take an illustration course. When I saw the art of N.C. Wyeth, Howard Pyle, Maxfield Parrish and many other great illustrators, I knew I was hooked. Although my work is often described as off-beat and quirky, I also have a love for traditional painting. Some of my favorite artists are Vermeer, Bouguereau, Caravaggio, and Sargent.

After college, my first art job was working as an assistant animator producing cartoons for Saturday-morning television. I was horrible! I had my own style and could never make it work with those cartoon characters. After three months I got a new job as a photographic retoucher. It was a good job because I learned how to do fine details in a realistic way. When my wife, Karen and I moved to Boston, I ended up in a bookstore working in the children's section. For two years I read picture books on every lunch break, studying the artwork. I began to get an idea of what books were really out there and in the evenings I started developing my own style of work. One day, with a portfolio filled with my favorite pieces, I set off on a train to New York to see a publisher about doing my own books. After a few tries, I got the contract for my first book *Then the Troll Heard the Squeak* and have been illustrating picture books ever since.

Now I keep busy doing picture books, chapter books, book jackets, and various art related projects. When I get the chance I enjoy landscape painting, especially at Acadia National Park. I also like to putter in my garden, and go hiking and camping with my wife and children.

I love to visit children in schools and to share my books with them. I once gave a presentation to a group of kindergarten children. Just before a reading of *Lady Bugatti*, one little boy in the front row blurted out, "This looks like a weird book, but I think I'm ready for it!" I enjoy creating books, especially new worlds for children to explore.



Do booksales
bring out the
chicken
in you?

Let us take the stress
out of your next booksale!

1. **Choose the books!** The following books are available in 2026. You may choose to offer all the titles or one or two favorites to sell to your students! Books are offered at a discount for the purpose of resale. Schools can pass the savings directly to the students or charge up to retail price and use the booksale as a fundraiser.

Picture Books - hardcovers \$16 each

Luigi, the Spider Who Wanted to Be a Kitten! NEW title from the author of Library Lion!!!

*There's a Dodo on the Wedding Cake - Mr Snore is back to play his violin!

*There's a Dinosaur on the 13rd Floor - Introducing Mr. Snore!

*Chicken Cheeks! A guaranteed laugh for all ages.

Pig Parade - You'll snort with laughter!

Library Lion - Celebrating 10+ years!

Sidewalk Circus - a wordless picture book

Picture Books - softcovers \$8 each

*Wicked Big Toddler

Library Lion

Weslandia

*Velma Gratch and the way cool Butterfly – who doesn't love butterflies?

*My Little Sister Ate One Hare

* Titles especially recommended for preK – 2nd grade

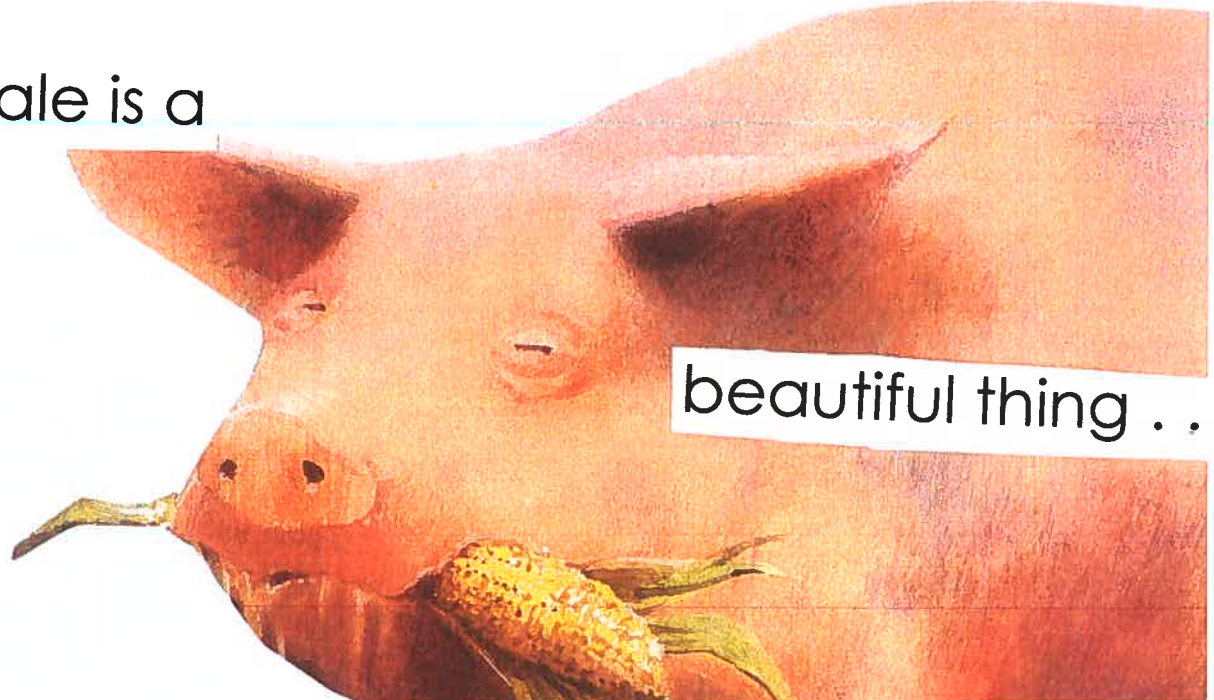
Chapter Book - softcover \$8 each

I Was a Rat - a Phillip Pullman classic



2. **Decide how to sell them.** You know what will work best with your organization . . but here are a few ideas. Many schools have the students purchase specific books in advance by taking pre-orders. Another option is to have the students come with money and select their own titles on the presentation day. This tends to work better with older students. Some schools host a special evening or afternoon event for families and sell books there. In all cases, I would recommend that you sell the books at one price for hardcovers and one price for softcovers to keep things simple for parents.
3. **Consider a staff sale only!** Don't want a sale but still want books for your library and staff? That is fine – we can offer the discounted rate for staff on the day of the presentation. No need to pre-order – we will box up a selection of what we have on hand and let teachers have their pick!
4. **Plan time for autographing.** Of course, all books can be signed – even personalized. We ask that you request “name only” and let Kevin decide what else to say. Sometimes he gets requests like: “To Velma – we know you’ll get noticed someday despite your appearance. Please don’t slouch! Love, Grandma” (That is soooo un-cool!) Make sure you have scheduled time in the day for autographing, presentations and lunch too!
5. **Books are returnable!** All unsold books can be returned, usually with Kevin on the day of the presentations. If you decide you want the books prior to the school visit or to hold the books after the presentation day, you would be responsible for any shipping expenses.
6. **Provide book sellers.** In all cases, we ask that the school provide a librarian, staff member or parent volunteer to handle the money and actual sale of the books. This allows Kevin time to focus on his presentations, to talk to the students, and to autograph the books. We can provide a Square account and ipad for sales or checks can be written directly to Kevin Hawkes or we will even take your cash! If you prefer, you can have the money collected by your school or organization and then write us one big check. An invoice will be included with the books. We do ask that a final count of the books and the money received is done at the end of the presentation day.
7. **Decide how many books you want and order early.** Please allow 2-3 weeks to ensure that your quantity and titles are available. Orders can be e-mailed to <mailto:info@kevinhawkes.com>.

A booksale is a



Collector's Booklist for Kevin Hawkes

- Luigi, the Spider Who Wanted to Be a Kitten*** by Michelle Knudsen
Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 978-1536219111 Candlewick Press 2024
- Shoshi's Shabbat*** by Caryn Yacowitz
Picture book 5-8 ISBN: 978-1536216547 Candlewick Press 2022
- There's a Dodo on the Wedding Cake*** by Wade Bradford
Picture book 3-8 ISBN: 978-1536208849 Candlewick Press 2021
- The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol*** by Arthur Levine
Picture book 5-8 ISBN: 978-0763697419 Candlewick Press 2020
- There's a Dinosaur on the 13th Floor*** by Wade Bradford
Picture book 3-8 ISBN: 978-07636-8665-9 Candlewick Press 2018
- Imagine That: How Dr. Seuss Wrote the Cat in the Hat*** by Judy Sierra
Picture book 3-7 ISBN: 978-0553510973 Random House 2017
- Dogasaurus Rex*** by Anna Staniszewski
Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 978-0805097061 Henry Holt 2017
- Newton's Rainbow: The Revolutionary Discoveries of a Young Scientist*** by Kathryn Lasky
Nonfiction Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 978-0374355135 Farrar, Straus 2017
- Me, All Alone at the End of the World*** by M. T. Anderson
Re-issued ISBN: 978- 0-7636-8902-5 Candlewick Press 2017
Picture book 6-10 ISBN: 978- 0-7636-1586-2 Candlewick Press 2005
- Have a Look, Says Book*** by Richard Jackson
Picture book 3-7 ISBN: 978-1481421058 Atheneum 2016
- The Three Mouths of Little Tom Drum*** by Nancy Willard
Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 978-07636-5476-4 Candlewick Press 2015
- Remy and Lulu*** by Kevin Hawkes
Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 978-0-4498-1085-9 Random House 2014
- Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch*** by Anne Isaacs
Picture book – 5-10 ISBN: 978-0-3758-6745-3 Random House 2014
- Handel - Who Knew What He Liked*** by M. T. Anderson
Re-issue New format ISBN: 0-7636-6600-9 Candlewick Press 2013
Nonfiction Picture book 6-10 ISBN: 0-7636-1046-1 Candlewick Press 2001
- Santa from Cincinnati*** by Judi Barrett
Picture book – All ages ISBN: 978-1-4424-2993-2 Simon & Schuster 2012
- Just Behave, Pablo Picasso!*** by Jonah Winter
Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 978-0-545-13291-6 Arthur A. Levine 2012

<i>By the Light of the Halloween Moon</i> by Caroline Stutson		
REPRINTED Edition:	ISBN: 978-0-761-46244-6	Amazon Children's 2012
Picture book 4-10	ISBN: 0-688-12045-8	Lothrop Lee & Shepard 1993
<i>The Wicked Big Toddlah Goes to New York</i> by Kevin Hawkes		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 978-0-3758-6188-8	Random House 2011
<i>A Little Bitty Man and other Poems for the Very Young</i>		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 978-0-7636-2379-1	Candlewick Press 2011
<i>A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea</i> by Michael Ian Black		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 978-1-4169-7922-7	Simon & Schuster 2010
<i>A Boy Had a Mother Who Bought Him a Hat</i> by Carla Kushkin		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 978-0-06-075330-6	Harper Collins 2010
<i>Chicken Cheeks</i> by Michael Ian Black		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 978-1-4169-4864-3	Simon & Schuster 2009
<i>Bartleby Speaks!</i> by Robin Cruise		
Picture book 4-8	ISBN: 978-0374305147	Farrar, Straus 2009
<i>The Road to Oz –Twists, Turns, Bumps and Triumphs in the Life of L. Frank Baum</i> by Katherine Krull		
Nonfiction Picture book 6-10	ISBN: 978-0-375-83216-1	Alfred A. Knopf 2008
<i>Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly</i> by Alan Madison		
Picture book 5-10	ISBN: 0-375-83597-1	Random House 2007
<i>The Wicked Big Toddlah</i> by Kevin Hawkes		
Picture book 3-7	ISBN: 0-375-82427-2	Random House 2007
Softcover Edition	ISBN: 0-440-41788-0	Dragonfly Books 2010
<i>Library Lion</i> by Michelle Knudsen		
Picture book 5-10	ISBN: 0-7636-2262-1	Candlewick Press 2006
Softcover Edition	ISBN: 0-545-20282-5	Candlewick Press 2009
<i>When Giants Come to Play</i> by Andrea Beaty		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 0-8109-5759-0	Harry N. Abrams 2006
<i>Granite Baby</i> by Lynne Bertrand		
Picture book 5-10	ISBN: 0-374-32761-0	Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2005
<i>My Little Sister Hugged An Ape</i> by Bill Grossman		
Picture book 3-8	ISBN: 0-517-80017-9	Alfred A. Knopf 2004
<i>Sidewalk Circus</i> by Paul Fleischman		
Picture book 4-10	ISBN: 0-7636-1107-7	Candlewick Press 2004
Softcover Edition	ISBN: 0-7636-2795-X	Candlewick Press 2007
<i>The Man Who Made Time Travel</i> by Kathryn Lasky		
Nonfiction Picture book 6-10	ISBN: 0-374-34788-3	Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2003
<i>Necklace of Raindrops</i> by Joan Aiken		
Collection of Stories 7-10	ISBN: 0-375-80584-2	Alfred A. Knopf 2001

A Christmas Treasury - Very Merry Stories and Poems

Picture book - All ages ISBN: 0-688-120393-3 Harper Collins 2001

Timothy Tunny Swallowed a Bunny by Bill Grossman

Picture book 4-10 ISBN: 0-06-028010-7 Harper Collins 2001

Jason's Bears by Marion Dane Bauer

Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 0-7868-0356-8 Hyperion Press 2000

And to Think That We Thought That We'd Never Be Friends by Mary Ann Hoberman

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-517-80068-3 Alfred A. Knopf 1999

Softcover Edition ISBN: 0-440-41776-7 Dragonfly Books 2003

Weslandia by Paul Fleischman

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-7636-0006-7 Candlewick Press 1999

Softcover Edition ISBN: 0-7636-1052-6 Candlewick Press 2002

My Friend, the Piano by Catherine Cowan

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-688-13239-1 Harper Collins 1999

Imagine That! Poems of Never Was by Jack Prelutsky

Picture book - All ages ISBN: 0-679-88206-5 Alfred A. Knopf 1998

Poombah of Badoombah by Dee Lillegard

Picture book - 4-7 ISBN: 0-399-22778-4 Putnam & Grosset 1998

Marven of the Great North Woods by Kathryn Lasky

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-15-200104-2 Harcourt Brace 1997

Softcover Edition ISBN: 0-15-276826-5 HMH Books 2002

Boogie Bones by Elizabeth Loreda

Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 0-399-22763-6 Putnam & Grosset 1997

Painting the Wind by Michelle Dionetti

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-316-18602-3 Little Brown 1996

My Little Sister Ate One Hare by Bill Grossman

Picture book 4-10 ISBN: 0-517-59600-8 Crown Publishers 1996

Softcover Edition ISBN: 0-517-88576-X Dragonfly Books 1998

Dreamland by Roni Schotter

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-531-09508-8 Orchard Books 1996

The Enormous Snore by M. L. Miller

Picture book 4-7 ISBN: 0-399-22650-8 Putnam & Grosset 1995

The Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky

Nonfiction 5-10 ISBN: 0-316-51526-4 Little Brown 1994

Softcover Edition ISBN: 0-618-06282-3 Houghton Mifflin 2000

The Nose by Nikolai Gogol, retold for children by Catherine Cowan

Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-688-10464-9 Lothrop Lee & Shepard 1994

His Royal Buckliness by Kevin Hawkes
 Picture book 4-7 ISBN: 0-688-11062-2 Lothrop Lee & Shepard 1992

The Turnip by Walter de la Mare
 Picture book 5-10 ISBN: 0-87923-934-4 David Godine Publisher 1992

Lady Bugatti by Joyce Maxner
 Picture book 5-9 ISBN: 0-688-10340-5 Lothrop Lee & Shepard 1991

Then the Troll Heard the Squeak by Kevin Hawkes
 Picture book 4-8 ISBN: 0-688-09757-X Lothrop Lee & Shepard 1990

Chapter Books

The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-42064-4 Dutton 2008

The Beasts of Clawstone Castle by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-47719-5 Dutton 2006

Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle/Young Adult Fiction ISBN: 0-525-47347-5 Dutton 2004

The Haunting of Granite Falls by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-47192-8 Dutton 2004

Not Just A Witch by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-47101-4 Dutton 2003

The Great Ghost Rescue by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-46769-6 Dutton 2002

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-46739-4 Dutton 2002

Dial-a-Ghost by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-46693-2 Dutton 2001

Island of the Aunts by Eva Ibbotson
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-525-46484-0 Dutton 2000

I Was a Rat by Philip Pullman
 Middle Grade Fiction ISBN: 0-375-80176-6 Alfred A. Knopf 2000
 Softcover Edition ISBN: 0-440-41661-2 Yearling Books 2002

Selected Awards - Kevin Hawkes

- Luigi, the Spider Who Wanted to Be a Kitten*** by Michelle Knudsen Candlewick Press 2024
Maine Chickadee Award 2026
- The Katahdin Lifetime Achievement Award 2020***
Maine Library Association
- There's a Dinosaur on the 13rd Floor*** by Wade Bradford Candlewick Press 2018
Lupine Honor Award Maine Library Association 2018
- The Mazza Medallion for Excellence for Artistic Diversity 2012***
Mazza Museum at The University of Findlay
- Chicken Cheeks*** by Michael Ian Black Simon & Schuster 2009
Silver Medal Society of Illustrators Children's Book 2009
New York Public Library 100 Best Books for Reading and Sharing
- Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly*** by Alan Madison Random House 2007
Lupine Award Maine Library Association 2007
- Library Lion*** by Michelle Knudsen Candlewick Press 2006
New York Times Best Seller Children's Book List
Irma Simonton Black Honor Award
Amazon.com Best Books of 2006: #1 Top Editors' Picks
School Library Journal's Best Books of 2006
Child Magazines Best Children's Books of 2006
Nick Jr. Best Books of 2006
Publisher's Weekly Cuffie Awards 2006
- The Man Who Made Time Travel*** by Kathryn Lasky Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2003
CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12 2004
Orbis Pictus Honor Book 2004
- Handel- Who Knew What He Liked*** by M.T. Anderson Candlewick Press 2001
Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book for Nonfiction 2001
ALA Notable Children's Book 2001
- Weslandia*** by Paul Fleishman Candlewick Press 1999
Kate Greenaway Medal 1999
ALA Notable Children's Book 1999
Parents' Choice Awards Silver Honor 1999
School Library Journal Best Books of the Year 1999
Parents Magazine Best Books of the Year 1999
Child Magazine Best Book of the Year 1999
- Marven of the Great North Woods*** by Kathryn Lasky Harcourt Brace 1997
National Jewish Book Award 1997
Lupine Award Maine Library Association 1997
- My Little Sister Ate One Hare*** by Bill Grossman Crown Publishers 1996
School Library Journal Best Book of the Year 1996
IRA-CBC Children's Choice 1996