

School Visits – A.S. King



Photo - Topher King

A.S. King's short fiction has appeared in a lot of great journals and has been nominated for *Best New American Voices*. Her first young adult novel, *The Dust of 100 Dogs*, was an ALA Best Books for Young Adults pick, a Cybils Award finalist and an Indie Next List pick for teens. Her next novel, a Junior Library Guild selection, *Please Ignore Vera Dietz* is due in October 2010 from Knopf, and her third, *Everybody Sees the Ants*, will come a year later from Little, Brown. Find more about her here: www.as-king.com

Amy was a group literacy teacher for eight years in Kilkenny City, Ireland where she designed and taught curricula in six different subjects, coordinated certification programs for adult learners, and ran energetic creative writing workshops for students of all levels.

A.S. King runs classroom creative writing workshops (in class-sized groups) for teens and literacy students. With a focus on strong writing technique and economy of words, she challenges students to create vibrant stories from ordinary life. Topics include: finding & interviewing ideas, outlining, writing a first draft, creating characters, plotting effectively, revision-is-really-really-important and polishing prose.

Intensive Fiction Writing Workshop (2-4 hours)

A creative writing class that focuses on fiction writing. We begin by exploring the basics: Character, plot, conflict and resolution. Discussions on the elements of strong writing, unique voice and what makes a reliable and sympathetic character. What doesn't work and why? How to break rules and get away with it. What do you mean revision should take me longer than the first draft? What is critique and why is it helpful? Workshop usually aims attendees to begin a work of fiction and end with a strong first paragraph or page. *Depending on class size, this can go longer than 4 hours. Usually offered to creative writing students first.*

The Life of an Author (1 hour+)

A discussion about the life of a writer, the author's path to publication, and Q&A. (This can also be altered to any age group, and can be run from community libraries and as a Q&A about query letters, and agent hunting, etc.)

Creative Writing Workshop for Literacy Students

A fun creative writing seminar for literacy students and their tutors. *(Fee Varies. Please email for details.)*

Other programs available.

To arrange your school visit, contact Amy at asking@as-king.com

Author Visit Fees - Schools

Local visit (Berks County, PA)

Full day (7 hours)-\$600
Half day (4 hours) -\$350

All other visits (Outside PA)

Full day -\$1100 plus travel expenses.*
Half day -\$700 plus travel expenses.*

*reasonable hotel, airfare, meals, vehicle mileage