

MEZ BLUME – SCHOOL VISIT INFORMATION

Hi. I'm Mez Blume, bestselling author of the KATIE WATSON MYSTERIES IN TIME series. My novels target middle-grade readers (8-12) and frame history in adventure with a twist of magic to help young readers connect with the past in a way that is personal, memorable & inspiring.

The highlight of my job is partnering with teachers & librarians to get kids excited about reading through school visits & live workshops. To learn more about my school visits & listen to a sample, visit www.mezblume.com/events/ or send me an email at mez@riverrotterbooks.com.



WHAT TEACHERS & STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT MEZ'S SCHOOL VISITS

- *"I loved her rapport with the students! It was excellent!" – Sue Nell Smeltzer, year 3 teacher*
- *"The children were inspired to write. Thank you!" – Helen H. Zeagler, year 3 teacher*
- *"It was awesome, fantastic, amazing... there's so many ways I could describe it!" – Noah Spivey, age 10*

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A SCHOOL VISIT

- 1 hour sessions which include: Talk with PowerPoint slides about the adventures behind writing (& reading) a book + how I wrote my books, from idea to finished product
- Going "behind-the-scenes" to explore the real-life history that inspired my books
- My top tips for aspiring writers + a fun group workshop on how to start a story
- Q&A time
- Opportunity for children to have purchased copies of my books signed (*I send out a pre-order form via teachers 2 weeks in advance & always bring spare copies for late orders)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- **STANDARD FEE:** I charge a standard fee for a half or a full day visit in line with The Society of Authors guidelines - £350 for a half day (a typical half day would include 3 hour-long sessions). Each additional session will cost £100. Upon request, I can do a single session (i.e. for a smaller school or an assembly) for £200.*
- **BOOK SALES:** Should children want to purchase signed copies of my book, I bring a supply with me to distribute after my talk. I can provide custom order forms to be sent home 2 weeks in advance, giving parents the option 1) for the price of the book/s to be added to that term's bill (I then bill the school for the books sold), or 2) for children to bring in the amount in to their teachers in advance of the visit. I then collect book moneys at the end of the day.
- **EXPENSES:** I do not charge travelling expenses within 30 minutes' driving distance from my home in the Reading area, but for visits further afield I will typically charge a standard return rail fare or petrol.
- **YEAR GROUPS:** A typical audience consists of years 2 to 6, but I am very happy to speak with older and younger groups by arrangement.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 30-60 is the optimum size of a group to allow for full interaction (typically a class or a year group). However, I can do the presentation to larger or smaller groups by arrangement.
- **EQUIPMENT:** I carry my own laptop but will require access to PowerPoint projection facilities.**

* If the prices quoted are not coverable by your school's budget, please do let me know – other arrangements may be possible.

** Where projection facilities are not available, I can give the presentation without if pre-arranged.