

# Invite Author Stacie Haas to Your School!



I love to do school visits as often my schedule permits. There's nothing more fun than meeting kids and getting them excited about reading, writing, and history!

My author visits can be customized to meet your school's needs! My goal for every visit is to help kids and teens feel empowered by their creativity, interested in reading, and eager to take their own writing to the next level.

To request an author visit, please e-mail: [stacierhaas@gmail.com](mailto:stacierhaas@gmail.com).

## SKIPPING STONES 2018 HONOR AWARD WINNER FOR MULTICULTURAL TEEN BOOKS

As the Civil War rages, fifteen-year-old Thomas Beck longs to fight for his country. He's underage, but his brother, Robert, claims there's another reason he can't fight: there's no such thing as a *Chinese Yankee*. Assumed a slave because of his odd appearance—including his traditional Chinese queue—Thomas soon discovers that giving battle with his regiment isn't enough to shed the Chinese label from his Yankee status.

It's not until Thomas befriends a runaway slave and the war moves toward a pivotal moment in Gettysburg that he begins to understand the true meaning of freedom in America.

*Freedom for Me: A Chinese Yankee* is a historical novel based on the life of a real Chinese Union soldier.



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# “Freedom for Me” Presentation

What does freedom mean? What is a Chinese Yankee? How did immigrants help to shape this country? What is an "Own Voices" novel? And where do ideas for books come from, anyway? I'll answer all these questions and more with a short presentation followed by an interactive activity designed to show young teens how to tap into the writer within. Then I'll read an excerpt from *Freedom for Me: A Chinese Yankee*, and answer questions about the book and my writing process.

Because my talk is very interactive, I've found that 100 students at a time is about the largest group I can speak to where everyone can stay engaged. If you have more than that in your combined classes, I'd prefer to break it into two or three groups.

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## In-Class Workshops

Instead of a large group visit, I can work with individual classrooms in writing exercises designed to explore writing craft topics including plot, characterization, conflict, dialogue, description, and revision. I can also conduct a workshop on writing historical fiction.

We'll read examples, talk about the specific techniques authors use to bring their stories to life, and then take out pencils and paper and get to work.

### Book Orders

Consider partnering with your school bookstore or a local, independent bookstore to do advance book orders. Books ordered in advance can be signed and distributed to the students on the day of my visit. Email me for more information!

### Fees

- **Fees are highly negotiable and presentations can be tailored to fit your school or classroom needs.**
- For \$400 I am available for a local visit in the Cincinnati area, which includes two classroom visits or one assembly.
- For \$650 the visit will include a classroom set of 25 books. These can be given to your students afterward or kept by a classroom for future visits.
- If your school is more than two hours outside the Cincinnati area, travel expenses will also apply.
- Payment in full is due on the day of my visit, via check, Venmo, or PayPal.

### Technical Requirements

Large group presentations require:

- A hand-held microphone (cordless or with a long cord), and mike stand.
- A stool or chair.
- A small table or desk so I can stash a water bottle.
- A computer or laptop and a projector for a Power-Point presentation is helpful, but not required.

In-class writing workshops require interested kids with paper and pens!