



**(Above) Helaine Becker challenges students at St. Thomas School.**

**(Below) Anita Aher with students at the launch of *Racing for Diamonds*.**

**(Right) Shane Peacock shows a student at Newcastle Public School how to walk a highwire.**

## **Testimonials for the Authors' Booking Service**

I would like to thank you two for all of your help in organizing authors' visits for my school. It was my goal this year to have each student in our school have at least one author visit and with your help, it has happened. By using your Authors' Booking Service I was able to bypass all of the time and work it would have taken to select an appropriate author, then find out how to contact that author, only to discover that they weren't available. You not only suggested authors for each of my grade groupings who you knew would be available in my area at any given time, you also made the initial contacts for me so that the whole process of booking an author was effortless on my part. An added bonus was that my name was entered into your monthly draws for free books and luckily I won twice!! Frieda Wishinsky was a perfect choice for our primary grades and Jan Thornhill kept the junior students focused with the "museum in a bag" that she brings to visits. However, it was the author for the intermediate students that I was hesitant about. You suggested a relatively unknown author and that age group either "buys into" a presentation or you've lost them. You suggested Matt Beam and he was perfect for our Grade 7's and 8's. Thank you both for all of your time and effort organizing this authors' booking service and for sending your weekly newsletter letting us know which authors will be available in our area throughout the year. You're the best!!

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Using Authors' Booking Service is like being a promoter booking rock concerts! They've made it easy to find out who's available and who's on tour from out of town. Thanks to them, I'm able to be a go-between for each of our branches and the authors, without a lot of time spent tracking them down.

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