

Since using Authors' Booking Service, I've been struck by Marsha and Valerie's commitment to and partnership with libraries. They will work with you individually to find a way to match your busy Library schedule with that of your prospective author in order to support your literacy objectives. They seem to really understand the needs of the school Library when it comes to preplanning author visits, and when problems do occur, they make it their business to accommodate your needs. They are prepared to be flexible and to spend time to prepare a creative solution that works for you. They listen carefully to suggestions from Teacher-Librarians about how to best support Libraries. As a busy secondary school Teacher-Librarian, I greatly appreciate this service and their website because it saves me trying to find the time to track down available authors and their presentation details. All of the authors I have booked through Authors' Booking Service have been extremely successful at providing a terrific literacy event by engaging students with their unique presentation styles. I wish Marsha and Valerie continued success with building lasting relationships with school Libraries, as they have done with George S. Henry Academy Library. Happy Third Anniversary Authors' Booking Service!

*Julia Ross*  
*Teacher-Librarian*  
*George S. Henry Academy*  
*Toronto District School Board*

## Testimonials from Authors

I love the fact that they are experienced authors themselves, not just "booking agents," and so they know exactly what makes a presentation successful.

*Mahtab Narsimhan, (Toronto) author of *The Third Eye*. Silver Birch 2009 nominee*

Marsha and Valerie have arranged several tours for me in the Greater Toronto Area, and I have loved every minute of each of them. I value not only their uncanny ability to connect me with just-right audiences but also their organizational expertise and incredible senses of humour, which make my association with ABS immensely enjoyable as well as rewarding. The work that Marsha and Valerie do through ABS has helped introduce me to hundreds of young adult readers, and I'm very grateful for the service they provide.

*Don Aker, (Nova Scotia) author of *The Space Between*. White Pine winner, 2004, nominee 2008*

I feel valued by both Valerie and Marsha and always feel like I have a cheering section, championing my presentations and my writing. In just a short amount of time, ABS has scheduled presentations for me, allowing me to reach hundreds (soon to be thousands) of readers I would never have been able to connect with on my own.

*Hélène Boudreau, (Toronto) author of *Acadian Star*. Hackmatack 2010 nominee*

Authors' Booking Service was a great idea, beautifully executed. Before they came along, it felt pretty much impossible for a Vancouver-based author to navigate Ontario (and especially Toronto) schools and libraries. The invitations came, but the logistics were formidable. How to get around? How to fill a schedule? ABS has proved to be a highly functional link between children's book creators and those-who-would-like-to-book-them. They know the territory. They make it work. They bring us together.

*Linda Bailey, (British Columbia) author of *Stanley's Party*. Winner of *Blue Spruce* and *Silver Birch* and multi-nominated.*

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