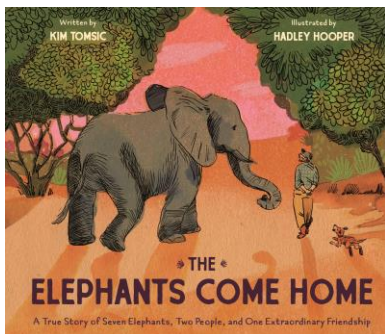


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***GUITAR GENIUS***, *How Les Paul Engineered the Solid Body Electric Guitar and Rocked the World*, ills. by Brett Helquist: a Junior Library Guild selection (Chronicle Books). A STEM-based, nonfiction picture book about inventing and perseverance (ages 6-11).

***The Elephants Come Home*** illus. Hadley Hooper (Chronicle): a true story about animals, friendship, and trust. Winner of the Norman A. Sugarman Honor, the Keystone to Reading Award, and more (ages -4-11).

***The 11:11 Wish***, winner of the Southwest Region SCBWI Crystal Kite Award (HarperCollins): a funny middle-grade novel about a 7<sup>th</sup> grade math whiz who uses magic to try to fit in at a new school (ages 9-12).

***The Truth About 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*** co-written with comic artist, Mark Parisi: a he-said/she-said diary and comedic story about perspective and what really went down in 5<sup>th</sup> grade (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade).

***The 12<sup>th</sup> Candle***: a magical and humorous story of a family curse vs. choices, and the question—is the grass *really* greener (HarperCollins). Outstanding reviews from Kirkus, Booklist, BCCB, and more (ages 9-12).



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### **11 Magical Tips to Make Fiction Come Alive or 15 Steps to Story**

Choose one of these Writing Workshops and come prepared to write: includes tricks and tips for fiction writing (e.g., first lines, story beats, powerful verbs, image systems, and more!)—Kim has a bag of tricks to help add sparkle to stories (all ages).

### **STEM Girls in Literature: Why this Matters**

Presentation for parents, teachers, or PTOs about girls and the future of STEM careers. We will discuss why literature can help keep girls in STEM classes (adults).

### **Five Steps for Crafting a Compelling Nonfiction Book Proposal (writing workshop)**

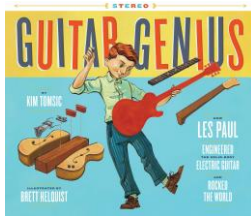
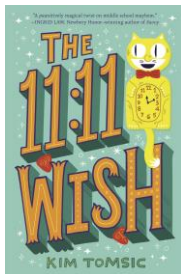
Attendees will learn how to bring their nonfiction ideas to fruition by crafting a five-part plan and/or proposal. We will discuss a story's roadmap, the "heartbeat", the author's note, curated language, and more (all ages).

### **From Character to Story –Crafting Irresistible Characters via a Character Bible**

Transform characters from paper dolls to living/breathing beings! Give them hopes, dreams, flaws, friends, foils, motives, stakes, passions, and more! We'll dissect the benefits of a character bible and write through the process to unlock your character's motives. Be prepared to write! (all ages)

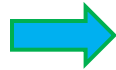


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### **BOOK TALK: *The 11:11 Wish:***

***Wishes, Magic, and STEM*** Slideshow, audience Q&A, and interactive talk about magic & STEM. We'll chat about how the protagonist uses the scientific method to solve the mystery of magical consequences. A good time is had by all! For 3rd-6th grade

### **BOOK TALK: *Guitar Genius*** (perseverance + STEM)

True story about Hall of Fame icon, Les Paul, and how the inventions he created changed the music industry. The presentation includes reading, slideshow, Q&A, and discussion on perseverance. For K-5th grade

### **BOOK TALK: *The 12<sup>th</sup> Candle*** (let's chat THEME)

**Family Curse, Magic, & Choice** The presentation includes slideshow, Q&A, and discussion on finding themes in stories + and more! Ideal for 3rd-6th grade

### **BOOK TALK: *The Truth About 5<sup>th</sup> Grade***

One-hour presentation includes slideshow, Q&A, and a fun and interactive talk about perspectives. (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

### **BOOK TALK: *The Elephants Come Home***

Includes reading, slideshow, Q&A, and a fun and interactive talk about trust, friendship, and our magical connection to the animal kingdom. Ideal for K-5<sup>th</sup>.



## PRICES:



### Available for local, out-of-state, or virtual visits

Single Presentation \$500

Two Presentations \$750

Three Presentations \$1000

When travel is involved +air +lodging + ubers

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You can choose from one of my plans, or we can customize and chat about how you'd like a visit to unfold.

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**Zoom/Skype: Let's set it up!**



## HOSTING A VISIT

If you would like to host Kim for an in-person speaking engagement, Kim will bring her laptop and the presentation file.

Please have available the following: projector, dongle, and microphone.

When hosting a virtual visit, we can meet via Zoom or your preferred hosting service.

Let's do it!

