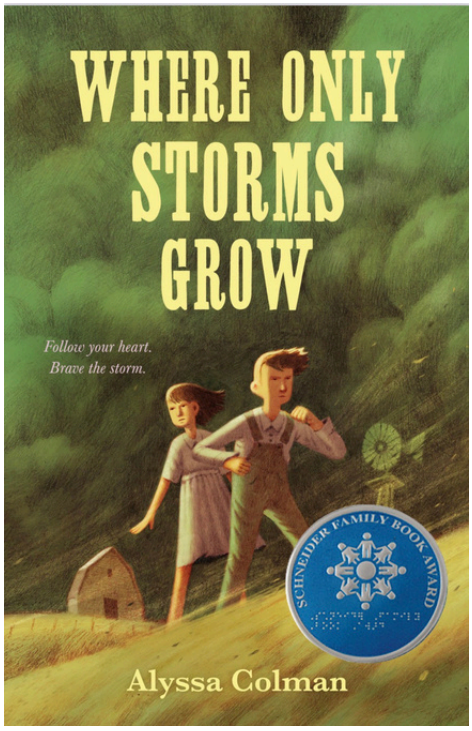
ALYSSA COLMAN
AUTHOR VISITS



Bring the magic of storytelling to your school!

Alyssa Colman is an American Library Association award-winning author of heartwarming middle-grade novels.

Why Book Alyssa?

- Acclaimed Storytelling: Author of the 2026 ALA Schneider Family Book Award winner, *Where Only Storms Grow,* which has also been named a National Council for Social Studies Notable Book, a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, and a Tome Society Award Winner.
- Interactive Sessions: Presentations are designed to be engaging and informative.
- Enhance Classroom Concept: Content tailored specifically for young readers and their educators.
- Proven Impact: Librarians report that Alyssa's visits leave students energized and inspired to pick up a book or start writing their own stories.

CURRENT PROGRAMS & MORE INFO

For Questions
Visit alyssacolman.com or email
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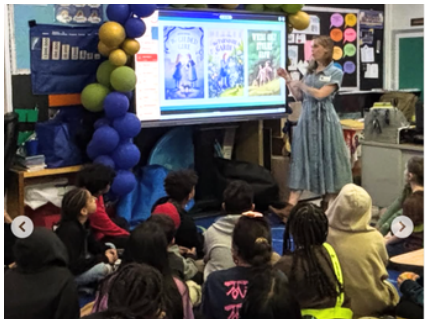
SAMPLE PRESENTATIONS

More at alyssa.colman.com

The World of a Story

Best for: Any size group, Grades 3-7
Length: 45 minutes + Q&A



This presentation centers on how Alyssa researched and wrote *Where Only Storms Grow*. Using examples from the book, photographs, and live reader theater, young readers will see how professional authors use some of the same writing and research skills that they're learning in school. This presentation emphasizes media literacy and the importance of primary sources.

A Book is a Group Project

Best for: Any size group, Grades K-6
Length: 45 minutes + Q&A

An author writes a story, but it takes a whole team to create a book. In this interactive presentation, students will explore the roles involved in Team Book and the publishing process from concept to printed book. We'll also delve into the magic of revision and learn why students shouldn't compare their first drafts to an author's finished work.

Alyssa Colman Visit
2026-2027 Rates

"Alyssa's ability to connect with young readers while providing a practical look at the writing craft makes her an exceptional guest for any school."
- Librarian, Oakton Elementary School, VA

Schools may book multiple presentations to create a full or partial-day program. All fees include a book signing. Signed bookplates can be mailed for virtual visits.

Presentations CANNOT be recorded unless Alyssa has given written permission.

IN PERSON
Single Presentation: $400
Half Day Rate (2-3 presentations): $700-1,000
Full Day Rate (4-5 presentations): $1,200-$1,500

Half-day and full-day rates may be split by multiple schools or a single school district as long as there is adequate driving and break time between schools.

TRAVEL
If travel exceeds a 1.5-hour drive from Reston, VA, a minimum of two (2) sessions is required, and additional charges for travel expenses* will apply. Please email hello@thebookingtree.agency for a custom quote.

*Travel expenses can be split between multiple schools. Consider reaching out to schools in your district if you need help with your budget.

VIRTUAL
$200 for a 40-minute to 1-hour presentation, including Q&A
$100 for a 30-minute Q&A with Alyssa

Ready to book? Don't see what you need? Please email Louise Campbell at hello@thebookingtree.agency.

The 3 E's

To Prepare for your Author Visit

EXPOSURE

Introduce your students to the author's work, and if possible, read one of their books together. To create an atmosphere of engagement, you can also show them the author's website and read the book jacket.

PRO TIP *Show the video clip of Alyssa reading aloud from the first chapter of Where Only Storms Grow and/or The Gilded Girl. Available free on YouTube & www.alyssacolman.com*

ENGAGEMENT

Help your students prepare questions to ask the author during the planned Q&A. The more prepared the students are for the visit, the more engaged they will be during the presentation.

EXCITEMENT

Generate excitement for the event by making sure it's adequately publicized. You can have students create MEET THE AUTHOR posters, display assignments related to the book, and send home flyers or emails to the parents.