

SCHOOL VISITS

with miranda paul



Now booking through 2019!

Award-winning children's author Miranda Paul has visited over 100 schools and libraries since her 2015 debut, *One Plastic Bag*, sparked recycling activities and environmental awareness in tens of thousands of readers across the globe. Characterized as "high-energy, entertaining, and inspiring," Miranda Paul's school and library presentations engage students and tie in seamlessly to age-appropriate curricular topics.

In addition to her creative nonfiction books *Water is Water* and *Whose Hands Are These?* Miranda's updated 2018-2019 presentations incorporate her newest fiction and upcoming nonfiction titles as well, to give kids a diverse sense of wordplay, wonder, and possibility.

To reserve a date or inquire about custom programming, please email Judy Cooper at bookthepauls@gmail.com.

www.mirandapaul.com/school-visits

Dear Educators,

As a former teacher (who integrated CCSS into her own classrooms in 2012), I understand that many of you are working to meet certain standards. I also understand the frustration teachers can feel when assemblies, guest speakers, or special events interrupt instruction. That's why I've designed my programs to be a hybrid of skill and content investigations that easily tie-in with calendar-year themes and literacy standards. *But, shhhhh.* Don't tell the kids how much learning they'll be doing!

With more than 100 digital and print stories in my portfolio, and experience teaching every grade from PreK-12, I'm a flexible presenter. I've taught high school English and summer writing workshops for middle schoolers, worked for Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth camps, and held lectures for college students training to become teachers. I am happy to present to large or small groups, and can adjust the content of my presentation for younger or older audiences. If you are interested in a particular topic, I am happy to tailor a presentation to meet the request.

When you hire me for a full day visit, I am yours for the day and you are welcome to form a schedule that works for everyone. I can speak to any group size. The ultimate goal is that my visit is a fun extension of learning, not a distraction or loss of instructional time. I'm on your side!

Whether or not I'm able to visit you in person, I've taken time to compile resources that correspond with my books. You can find them at mirandapaul.com/for-teachers/. Thank you for the opportunity to share my love of science, social studies, reading, writing, and art with your students.

Regards,

Miranda Paul



PRESENTATIONS

Laugh Out Loud

We all love to laugh, and a humorous story can get even the most reluctant reader interested in books. But WHY do we laugh at certain things? This interactive presentation will have students perform and engage with several of Miranda's fictional stories as they investigate the specific tools and strategies writers use to make kids (and grown-ups) giggle. Kids will be ready to make up their own characters and stories as a result! Best suited for grades 1-3 or large assemblies. 45 min.



Fiction vs. Nonfiction

This game-show style presentation is suitable for students in grades 2-5. Students will learn the research/inquiry steps behind writing a book—revealing the differences (and similarities) between the processes of writing fiction and nonfiction. They will also hear the marathon-like story behind one or more of her books, from idea to publication. Entertaining and educational, this is one of Miranda's highest rated presentations. Length: 45-60 minutes (includes time for Q&A). Works with large assemblies or smaller groups.



Workshop: Creating Characters

This 60-minute workshop helps young writers recognize how to make a protagonist interesting, relatable, and memorable. Miranda will give real examples from both fiction and nonfiction books as well as strategies and exercises for them to try. Best suited for independent writers grades 3-6, in a small group setting (under 30 participants) with tables or desks. Students must bring paper/pencil.

Other Topics:

- 25 min. Interactive Storytime (PreK-Grade 1)
- What Does a Writer Do? (Grades 1-3)
- Writing or poetry workshops (Grades 3+)
- The Book Marathon (Grades 4+)
- Teacher education/development
- Gambian life and culture (Grades 1-6)
- Diversity in children's literature (Grades 7+)
- Authors for Earth Day (All Ages/Special Event)

Custom Programs/Keynotes Available - ask!

BOOKS

DOWNLOAD FULL DESCRIPTIONS, AUTHOR BIOS, COVER IMAGES, AND AWARD LISTS AT [HTTP://MIRANDAPAUL.COM/PRESS-KIT/](http://mirandapaul.com/press-kit/)

NONFICTION & EDUCATIONAL FICTION



One Plastic Bag

The story of five Gambian women who sparked a movement to restore beauty to their village and increase their economic capacity. Illustrator: Elizabeth Zunon
ISBN-13: 978-1467716086
Target Ages: 6-12

Water is Water

This poetic story follows two siblings—and all the water around them—through a year’s worth of movements and changes. Includes facts. Illustrator: Jason Chin
ISBN-13: 978-1596439849
Target Ages: 3-9

Whose Hands Are These?

A rhymed guessing-game book that introduces and celebrates a diverse range of community occupations. Illustrator: Luciana Powell
ISBN-13: 978-1467732145
Target Ages: 6-9

Are We Pears Yet?

The stage is set! Follow two theatrical and impatient pear seeds on the long journey to grow up and bear fruit. Illustrator: Carin Berger
ISBN-13: 978-1626723511
Target Ages: 5-9

Adventures to School

Each day, kids around the world head to school. But these 14 children must trek on an adventure to get there. Co-Author: Baptiste Paul
Illustrator: Isabel Muñoz
ISBN-13: 978-1499806656
Target Ages: 6-11

FICTION & FUN



Blobfish Throws a Party

A lonely blobfish tries to improve his situation, but is misheard time and again. Will he ever get lights, friends, or delicious treats? Illustrator: Maggie Caton
ISBN-13: 978-1499804225
Target Ages: 4-8

The Great Pasta Escape

Join a ragtag group of pasta as they must learn to work together and use their noodles to escape the humans. Illustrator: Javier Joaquin
ISBN-13: 978-1499804805
Target Ages: 4-8

10 Little Ninjas

A “sensei-tional” bedtime book about not-so-sleepy children who sneak, creep, and tumble their way out of bed. *Board book coming soon!* Illustrator: Nate Wragg
ISBN-13: 978-0553534979
Target Ages: 2-7

Trainbots

A group of industrious robots making a special delivery are derailed by a band of evil bots in this action-filled picture book. Illustrator: Shane McG
ISBN-13: 978-1499801675
Target Ages: 3-8

Mia Moves Out

Coming in Fall 2018! Spunky Mia is determined to find a place of her own—one that she doesn’t have to share with her brother. Illustrator: Paige Kaiser
ISBN-13: 978-0-399-55332-5
Target Ages: 3-7

Testimonials

What Kids Are Saying About Miranda Paul:

"Thank you for inspiring me to be a writer. Writing Rocks!!! You Rock!!!!" –Rylie, Grade 2

"It was very fascinating to see a variety of different styles of writing, not just one book. The tips you gave us about writing were extremely helpful." –Amanda, Grade 4

"I wish you can stay for a longer time!" –Jake, Grade 3

What Adults Are Saying About Miranda Paul:

"My students were completely enthralled with Miranda Paul's presentation. She held them spellbound with her enthusiasm and sharing of the variety of writing outlets that are available to them as writers. I heard multiple comments from students who were anxious to start on their own writing careers, and it wasn't uncommon to have several students say, 'I can't wait to start writing!' She was fun to listen to and obviously loves what she does." –Joan Gilbert, Valley View Elementary School, WI

"You have a talent for engaging people's attention and interest...My students have a much broader understanding and respect for a place they've never been and people they've never met, thanks to your stories and inspiring words." –Debbie Gilligan, Chesapeake Public Charter School, MD

"How wonderful it was that in addition to making my students laugh, teaching them about fiction and nonfiction, and rousing their excitement about reading, you were an example to ALL of my students of what a girl can grow up and be as an adult...Thank you." –Emily Beasley, Franklin Elementary, NE

"She is well organized and generous with her time—a great catch for any writer's event." –Sue Peters, former co-Regional Advisor, SCBWI-MD/DE/WV



FEES & OPTIONS*

If I could, I'd visit every school in the world for free. In order to make my presentations memorable, engaging, and inspiring, I pour a generous amount of time and resources into creating and delivering them. That said, I've done my best to keep my rates affordable. I understand the burden that schools and libraries face when it comes to budgets. I respect and admire all who work with kids and books, and appreciate the mutual respect for my profession.

FREE - Skype Visit (10 minutes of Q&A - class should be prepared/have read books in advance)

FREE - Storytime/signing at a local bookstore, when Miranda is already planning to be in the area

\$350 - single large-group presentation plus questions, signing, or social (for local events only or as an add-on to an existing out-of-area trip)

\$650 - half-day (~3 hours / 1-2 large-group presentations + signing or up to 3 single-class presentations)

\$1200 - full-day (~6 hours / 3-4 large-group presentations + signing or up to 5 single-class presentations)

PLEASE ASK ABOUT LOCAL (Green Bay), IN-STATE (Wisconsin), or MULTI-DAY VISIT DISCOUNTS.

***SPECIAL EVENT* MARCH 15 - MAY 15, 2019 - SEE FLYER FOR "I AM FARMER" TOUR DATES.**

**Rates are based on presentations being in the same building/location, and do not include travel costs such as mileage, flight, hotel, or car rental. See contact info below and let us know if you need to work within a certain budget. We can be flexible!*

IDEAS FOR FUNDING A VISIT

1. Apply for an Amber Brown Grant (Nov. 1 - April 15) for a chance to win a free author visit + \$500
2. Check Miranda's event calendar at www.mirandapaul.com/events and book her when she's already planning to be in your area to save on travel costs
3. Share travel costs with other schools, libraries, or daycares in your district and book multiple events in the same day/week for discounted daily rates
4. Book Miranda Paul & Baptiste Paul together! They'll offer a discounted rate plus share one hotel room. They can visit different classrooms or present together depending on your school district's needs
5. Raise funds through book sales - schools will get a significant discount when ordering through Miranda's publishers and Miranda will sign/personalize each book for your students
6. Ask the Parent/Teacher Association or other special interest club/fund for assistance
7. Apply for a community or educational grant from local organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimists, etc.)
8. Book an Authors For Earth Day event with Miranda, and she'll donate 50-100% to a charity chosen by your student body
9. Choose a low-cost (or no-cost) Skype visit

READY TO BOOK?

Dates are secured through filling out the booking form at the end of this packet, or by sending your organization's standard speaker contract. Email Judy Cooper bookthepauls@gmail.com if you have questions / would like more info before completing the form. **Important: No date is confirmed until a signed booking form or contract has been received.**

“BY DOING SIMPLE THINGS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY, YOU ARE IMPROVING OUR WORLD.”
—FARMER TANTOH NFORBA

SPECIAL TOUR!
MAR 15 - MAY 15,
2019



Miranda Paul
Author



Farmer Tantoh
Environmentalist



Baptiste Paul
Author

“I Am Farmer” Book Tour Coming in Spring 2019

Here’s your chance to meet Farmer Tantoh, grassroots environmentalist and humanitarian.

As outlined in the upcoming book by Baptiste and Miranda Paul, Farmer Tantoh is sourcing clean water for dozens of villages and inspiring grassroots organic gardening across Cameroon, Africa. Your school, library, or organization can be a part of this important work during the “I Am Farmer” tour from March 15-May 15, 2019.* Host an event, sponsor travel or meals, or spread the word to audiences about opportunities to support and become involved in these life-sustaining projects. Save the planet, save our future!

Farmer Tantoh and the Pauls are available for:
-Multicultural and environmental school, classroom, or college visits
-Bookstore, library, or book festival signings with the authors
-Inspiring keynotes for congregations, conferences, or luncheons

Send inquiries to Judy Cooper at bookthepauls@gmail.com for more information about booking or sponsoring an event.

**dates subject to availability*

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SAVE YOUR FUTURE ASSOCIATION

100% of charitable donations at all events and a portion of book sales at select events will benefit:



THREE SPEAKERS IN ONE!

Have all three speakers present together or break out into different classrooms for a day of multicultural and environmental learning. This tour will benefit families in Cameroon, Africa, helping them to source clean water and learn organic farming practices.

Want the tour to include your city? Contact us at bookthepauls@gmail.com now.



WATCH THE VIDEO

to learn more about Farmer Tantoh’s work in Cameroon, Africa.

<https://youtu.be/BxA8DhY9zTA>

VISITING AUTHOR CONTRACT / BOOKING FORM

Please email bookthepauls@gmail.com to work out customized details, ask questions, set honorarium and/or travel amounts, and pre-book your date(s). **To confirm the visit, complete and scan/email this form to bookthepauls@gmail.com or mail to: Miranda Paul, PO Box 1463, Green Bay, WI 54305-1463.**

This letter of (date) _____ is to confirm Miranda Paul's and/or Baptiste Paul's visit to (location) _____ on (dates) _____ at a fee of \$ _____ plus coverage or reimbursement for the following travel, mileage, or accommodation expenses:

Please list the event description details, intended audience/age description, number of presentations, travel arrangements (if applicable) and other special details/expectations of the presentation (or attach additionally):

By signing this contract, the school or hosting organization agrees to:

1. List the author visit on the school/organization calendar and/or website.
2. Send a note to parents/members about the upcoming visit with an invitation to purchase books (discuss the process with the author and/or local bookseller partner - more info will be given after booking).
3. Display posters in advance of the visit (you can use templates in the packet or ask us to send one).
4. Prime the students/teachers/attendees for the visit by sharing Miranda's (or Miranda & Baptiste's) biographical information with them, discussing the books/stories in class, preparing possible questions for her, considering related art and writing projects and/or suggesting that students and teachers visit mirandapaul.com, www.oneplasticbag.com and/or baptistepaul.net, as appropriate for the visit.
5. E-mail bookthepauls@gmail.com a proposed schedule/itinerary for the visit as soon as possible.
6. Contact any local media outlets that may want to cover the event. Invite the public if you plan to have an evening event for adults or local families. (We can provide a press release template for you, please ask.)
7. Provide speaker with a projector, screen, small display table, sound hookup for PowerPoint or Keynote presentation, and a handheld or cordless microphone.
8. Provide a lunch/meal for any half- or full-day visit. School lunch or dining with faculty/students is fine.
9. Help on the day of the visit by being vigilant about the students' behavior during presentations.
10. Assign someone attending to take photographs and provide media releases if asked.
11. Pay the agreed upon total fee (above) on the day of the visit, as well as travel expenses or reimbursement.
12. Get really excited and share that excitement with your students or members!

If weather or illness causes a cancellation, the visit will be rescheduled as soon as it is most convenient for both parties. If the visit has to be canceled by the school for any reason other than weather, the school will pay for any lost travel expenses and will pay one-third of the fee if the visit cannot be rescheduled within a year. Miranda (and/or Baptiste) will gladly give a refund of any deposit in the case that they are the party who has to cancel and cannot reschedule.

Contact's name: _____ Contact's phone # _____

School/Org. phone # _____ School/Org. Address: _____

Contact's e-mail: _____

Principal's/Executive's Name: _____ Signature: _____

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Thank you for booking a school or library visit! Here's more information about school visits & book ordering.

Paperwork and Administrative Details

If you haven't already done so, complete and return the booking form or supply your own standard contract as soon as possible. Your event is not officially booked and dates not guaranteed until you do so. The form can be found in the school visit packet or online at mirandapaul.com/school-visits. Email Judy Cooper, booking assistant at bookthepauls@gmail.com if you have questions about confirming a visit or filling in the form. Make sure that any paperwork (W-9s, invoice requests, or background checks) is sent more than eight weeks in advance, and send clear instructions for airport pickup or for parking and entering the building.

Schedule, Space, and Tech Needs

Standard presentations are typically 60 minutes with grades 2 and up—this includes time to settle in, the presentation, plus a Q&A section after the presentation. Any assembly or mixed-age group that includes PreK or K will be shortened to approximately 25 minutes of interactive storytime. (It is best to have a separate presentation time for these grades; see presentation descriptions for more information). For any large-group setting, it's best to schedule the auditorium, gym, or similar venue where it will be easy to keep attention focused on the front. It is important that Miranda has a microphone, projector (with sound capability) and large screen. A small table for props is also helpful. Please keep an aisle in the middle so Miranda can call up volunteers or walk through the crowd. Invite teachers to attend as they will be called upon! Tip: It is best to schedule 10-15 minutes or more between talks.

Building Excitement

Many successful author/illustrator visits happen by building excitement and familiarizing the students, parents, librarian, classroom teachers, and art teacher with the book(s). If children will not have read the books in advance of the visit, please let Miranda know so she can adjust the presentation accordingly. Other ways to prepare include sending home a flyer and book order form to parents several weeks in advance, and invite parents to attend (if your school has the capacity). Teachers can prepare by checking out the corresponding Teacher Resources at mirandapaul.com/for-teachers or by printing out the biographical and book information at mirandapaul.com (also baptistepaul.net if scheduling a dual author visit). If students have been working on a book-related project or activity in advance, they are generally more excited and engaged on the day of the visit.

Ordering Books

Schools are not required to sell books, but typically students and families will want the opportunity to order books before the visit and get them signed on the day of the visit. There are two ways to go about book sales:

1. *Bigger Discount, More Work*

Schools may choose to sell books directly to students and receive discounts. About 4-6 weeks in advance of the visit, schools send home an order form and flyer about the visit (with frequent reminders). An order form template is available at mirandapaul.com/school-visits. Call your distributor or the publishers directly to obtain pricing quotes and place orders at least two weeks in advance (you will get a significant discount when you *mention you're having Miranda visit*). Schools can set the prices for the books as they see fit, either passing along the discount to students or using the profits as a fundraiser. Since this option involves more work, it is best to appoint a staff, faculty, or parent volunteer as the person in charge of overseeing book orders. Please remember books can take up to 10 business days to ship.

You can order directly from Follett, Ingram, Baker & Taylor, or Contact Publishers Directly (best discount):

*Lerner Publishing Group (*One Plastic Bag, Whose Hands Are These?, I Am Farmer (2019), Thanku*) - 1-800-328-4929

*Macmillan Children's (*Water is Water, Are We Pears Yet?*) - 1-888-330-8477

*Penguin Random House (*10 Little Ninjas, Mia Moves Out*) - customerservice@penguinrandomhouse.com

*Little Bee (*Trainbots, Blobfish Throws a Party, The Great Pasta Escape, Adventures to School*) - 1-844-321-0237

NOTE: ONE PLASTIC BAG is a Scholastic Book Fair & Club Title already, and 10 LITTLE NINJAS will be appearing in the Scholastic Book Club Flyer in 2018. To order these affordable, paperback options, please ask your Scholastic rep.

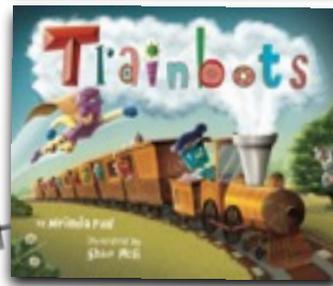
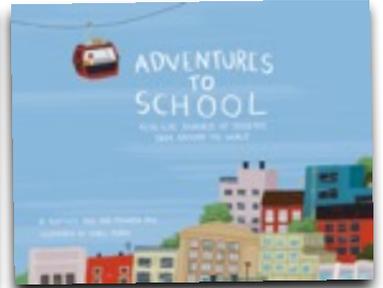
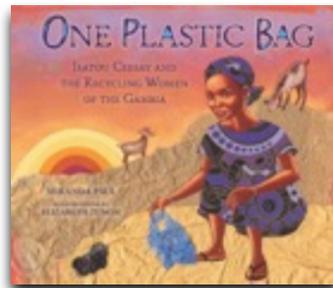
2. *Local Partnership, Less Work*

Schools may ask a local bookstore or B&N to order and deliver books to students, which takes the workload off of your parents, teachers, and staff and also supports a business within your own community. The bookseller will take care of making an order form, placing orders with the publishers, and ensuring delivery and returns are taken care of. Many booksellers will also send a volunteer to help make the autograph session go smoothly during the visit. A list of independent booksellers in your area is available by entering your zip code at www.indiebound.org or use your local telephone/online directory. If you do not have a local bookseller, you can call 920-406-0200 to order from The Reader's Loft, Miranda's hometown bookstore. They will ship. Thanks for supporting local booksellers!

Look who's coming to visit!

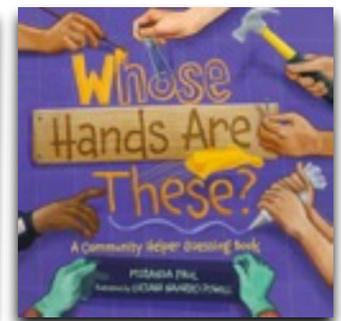
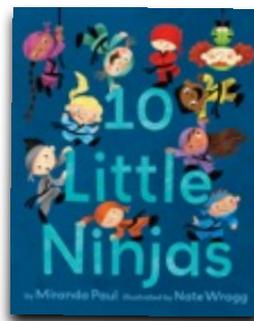
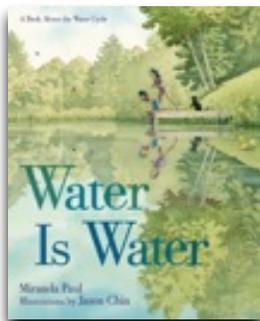
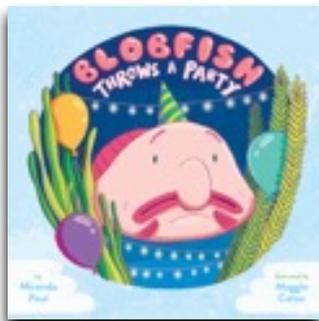


MIRANDA PAUL, AUTHOR



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Pre-order your autographed books by: _____



For more info about this event, contact: _____

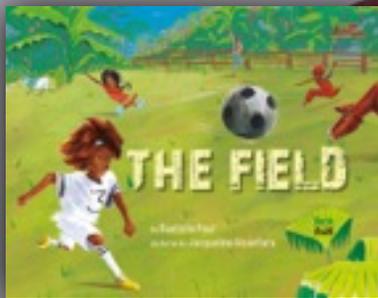
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I'm gearing up to meet you!

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[mirandapaul.com/contact](https://www.mirandapaul.com/contact)