



WONDER NEWS

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Wonder News! I'm glad to share what I think and do with you! People are welcome to contact me to give me feedback and ideas, and to request to be added to my email list. I will add no one without a request. Feel free to message me through my website.

I was pleased to be contacted by The Pumpkin Patch, a children's toy and book store in Ames, Iowa. I had reached out to them earlier about carrying my books and was so pleased to hear that they wanted to try them out! They currently have a copy of each book in their store.



Woodward Library Foundation Author Event at Snus Winery near Madrid, Iowa

Every event has its advantages! Here, I had a chance to converse with other author friends, met a public librarian, and spoke with an author who wishes to have me proof the Spanish translation of a book she has written. It has already been translated, edited, and proofed by two other people. I welcome the opportunity!



Picture Book Review of Month



This month's book review is for Marilyn June Janson's "The Super Cool Kids Story Collection". 5 Stars to Marilyn!



I loved the three creative and fun stories for kids to read. In "Fun@SportzCamp.Fun", Cindy doesn't want to go to sports camp for two whole months! How will that turn out? You will enjoy the "curve balls" in this story!

"Carla Camel Cane's Birthday Present" is for young children and has a down-to-earth message for those who dream through rose-colored glasses.

"Tommy Jenkins: First Teleported Kid" is a creative science fiction for kids with a sense of adventure. No need to be afraid. Just breathe in and out deeply to calm your nerves!

Five Rules of Book Reviewing

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- 1.) You do not have to have purchased a book on Amazon to leave a review there.
- 2.) You do not have to read the whole book to leave a review.
- 3.) Reviews can be as simple as, "Loved this one so much! Can't wait for the next!" THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE SPELLED CORRECTLY.
- 4.) Authors need reviews on Amazon to get better placement in the algorithms. (And a crazy amount of other things you wouldn't believe.)
- 5.) Algorithms are not reading and grading your reviews. They just look at numbers.

Please take 5 minutes and leave a review on Amazon today for an author you love .
It really does make a difference.



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A Diversity Conference?

Yes, people, I take every opportunity I can find to reach my potential audience. Since I write in Spanish as well as English and represent different races and ethnicities in my books (they could be interchangeable), I want people to see what I do and know that I am seriously involved in the issued included. I not only sold books, but I was asked to visit a school!

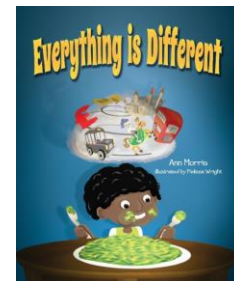
Waukee Elementary Schools

I was approached by Heather Anderson-Morrow at the diversity conference. She teaches second grade at one of the elementary schools in Waukee, Iowa, and is on the School Board for the Des Moines Public Schools.

Heather is a STEM teacher (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) and is a monarch enthusiast. She chose to have me read *Surprise in Auntie's Garden* in her class. It was perfect! There are actually cages in her classroom that are now only chrysalids of caterpillars waiting to emerge as butterflies. They have been averaging about five new hatches per day, and I was able to observe for the first time a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis.



The other four classes I read to chose the book *Everything Is Different*.



It fit their curriculum of learning about other cultures and was fun to read!

Doesn't this melt your heart? It did mine.





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Class on Writing a Children's Book in September

Teaching this class is fun! We have ten students. The first evening of class I told them they would write a children's book of their own to read our last evening. I told them to be sure to know what they were writing about, to use good grammar, and to have an arc in the story, or a focal point. Make sure something happens. Most of them already had an idea any way.

We discussed some of the common questions...What do you do next? I assigned them each in arbitrary groups to research:

- Publishing houses
- Independent (Indie) publishing
- Self-publishing

This we discussed at our second class, which will lead to platform or reach. How do you reach your readers? Through marketing, events, consignment, and many other options. I keep learning, and I tell them each week, plan to continue to learn, and plan to do a lot of research.

We even spent some time brainstorming with each other on ideas on how to present or develop a concept in their sample stories. I told them we do that in author groups. It's not cheating to ask for feedback. It's smart.

I could do this again! And we're only half done!



Where Are My Books?

My books are available in several locations locally as well as online.

My website will get you a signed book:

www.authorannmorris.com

Facebook Author page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnMorrisChildrensAuthorLanguageConsulting/>

The books are on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00C8G2V8S>

Barnes & Noble: www.barnesandnoble.com/

Books-a-Million (BAM):

www.booksamillion.com/

Mascot Books: www.mascotbooks.com

They are also on consignment at several Central Iowa stores.

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