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BIO:

Kevin Sylvester is an award winning illustrator, author and broadcaster.

His sci-fi book MINRS was a MYRCA Honour book in 2017! It's part of a trilogy.

He also writes detective fiction (*The Neil Flambé Capers*), and tons of non-fiction, often about sports (*Basketballogy*) but also about financial literacy. *Follow Your Stuff* is brand new from Annick Press and is a companion to the bestseller *Follow Your Money*.

His super-hero fiction book *Mucus Mayhem* was nominated for the 2019 Silver Birch Award for Fiction in Ontario. It's part of the *Almost Epic Squad Series* (Scholastic Canada) – along with books by Ted Staunton, Richard Scrimger and Lesley Livingston. All four books are illustrated by Britt Wilson.

His latest picture book is *Gargantua (Jr.): Defender of Earth* (Groundwood). This follows *Super-Duper Monster Viewer* (also with Groundwood).

During the school year, Kevin presents to thousands of students across North America in person and over Skype.

PRESENTATION DETAILS: "Be Brave and Be Curious"

I use my books as a way to talk about larger issues in creativity. I focus less on "reading" and more on how a writer constructs a book around a theme or question. The lessons are applicable to all walks of life.

I show slides that illustrate these themes, and also for my patented "5 second cartooning class".

And I also leave lots of time for vigorous QandA.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

I write and illustrate books for every grade from SK to 8, so I can adjust to meet the ages of the audience. It works better if the audience is close in age range, of

course, so my presentations are structured for grades K-3 and 4+. I can also do writing and illustration workshops for older kids, all the way up to high school.

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: 45 – 60 minutes

EXPECTED FEES: My standard fee is 300 + tax per presentations. I don't add travel or other costs on top of that. (One twist: If I'm presenting with another member of the Almost Epic Squad series – Ted Staunton, Richard Scrimger or Lesley Livingston – we split a \$400 fee for a joint presentation. Two authors for slightly more than the cost of one!)

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

NOVELS

Mucus Mayhem – (Scholastic Canada 2018)

MINRS 1-3 - (Simon and Schuster 2015-2018)

The Neil Flambé Capers – 6 books (Simon and Schuster – 2012-2016)

PICTURE BOOKS

Gargantua (Jr.): Defender of Earth (Groundwood 2019).

Super-Duper Monster Viewer – (Groundwood 2016)

GREAT – Written by Glen Gretzky and Lauri Holomis, Illustrated by Kevin Sylvester (Penguin 2016)

Splinters (Tundra - 2010)

NON-FICTION

Basketballogy – (Annick Press – 2017)

Baseballogy – (Annick Press – 2015)

Follow Your Money – (Annick Press - 2013)