

NAME: Richard Scrimger

ORGANIZATION: Let's see. I've worked with Tundra Books, HarperCollins, Scholastic, and Orca, and I do some teaching out of Humber College. But most of my talking is about the way I approach story, and I do that for myself and my audiences

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BIO: I've published 20+ books for children and adults. Written a few screenplays and lots of newspaper and magazine columns. Won a couple of awards. Given speeches and conducted workshops on five continents.

PRESENTATION TITLE: Your Story Matters. Yes It Does.

AUDIENCE: This talk works for mid-school, seniors, or adults. Jokes are different but takeaway is the same.

DESCRIPTION: Story creation breaks down into 4 sections: thinking, modelling, writing, rewriting. I talk about transforming the sad angry scary truth of your experience into an engaging story whose surface facts may not be true at all. Lots of interaction with audiences as we build a story together. There will be laughter. There may be some standing on chairs.

LENGTH: Generally about an hour, with time for questions.

PAY: I've been paid anything from 100.00 to 2500.00. Usually something like Canada Council rates. More for a keynote.

TECH REQUIREMENTS: Coffee

SELECT BIBLIOGRPAHY: ADULT NOVELS, PICTURE BOOKS, MID-SCHOOL AND YA NOVELS

Crosstown. Toronto: Riverbank Press, 1996

Still Life With Children. Toronto: HarperCollins, 1997

Mystical Rose. Toronto: Doubleday, 2000

Bun Bun's Birthday. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2001.

Princess Bun Bun. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2002.

Eugene's Story. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2003.

The Nose From Jupiter. Toronto: Tundra Books, 1998

The Way To Schenectady. Toronto: Tundra Books, 1998

A Nose For Adventure. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2000

Of Mice And Nutcrackers. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2001

Noses Are Red. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2002

The Boy From Earth. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2004

From Charlie's Point Of View. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2005

Into The Ravine. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2007

Me & Death. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2010

Ink Me. Victoria: Orca Books, 2012

Viminy Crowe's Comic Book (with Marthe Jocelyn). Toronto: Tundra Books, 2014

Zomboy. Toronto: HarperCollins, 2014

The Wolf And Me. Victoria: Orca Books, 2014

Lucky Jonah. Toronto: HarperCollins, 2016.

Downside Up. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2016.

Weerdest Day Ever! Victoria: Orca Books, 2016

FORTHCOMING: *Irresistible.* Scholastic Books, 2019. *Your Story Matter. Yes it does.* Tundra Books, 2020

REACTIONS TO PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS:

Having Richard Scrimger as a guest speaker at our recent ELAN (English Language Arts Network) meeting was one of the highlights of our year. His perspective on writing fiction was so engaging and entertaining, we all wanted to be writers by the time he was finished! His profoundly memorable perspective on working with students to help them develop their individual writing talents was carefully woven throughout his outrageous comic delivery.

Deborah Keefe, ELAN Chair

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