

Ted Staunton (author, fiction and non-fiction for kids)

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Ted Staunton wrote his first story as a class assignment at university. He barely handed it in on time, but he's glad he did: it became the picture book ***Puddleman***. Now the award-winning author of over forty books, he writes everything from YA and mid-grade novels (including titles in the popular ***SEVEN*** and ***ALMOST EPIC*** series) to Hi-Los, non-fiction, early chapter books, and of course picture books. He's getting better at handing things in on time.

His YA novel *Who I'm Not* won the **2014 CCBC John Spray Mystery Award**. Ted's work has also been nominated for **Silver Birch, Red Maple, MYRA Sundog Hackmatack, Arthur Ellis, and BC Stellar** awards, and many of his books are on **CCBC Our Choice** lists.

Trained as a teacher, Ted is a speaker, performer, and workshop leader in schools, libraries and venues across Canada. As well, he teaches the **Writing Children's Fiction** courses at George Brown College. He has also travelled to Ethiopia several times to work with English language writers and editors there.

Ted has a wide variety of interactive presentations and workshops for different audiences and age groups, from early primary to adult. His focus is on the writing and imagining process and where stories come from. Presentations often include a musical sidelight – Ted brings his banjo and guitar.

Ted also presents **Story Team** writing workshops with **Richard Scrimger** and co-presents with **Kevin Sylvester, Richard Scrimger, and Lesley Livingston** for their **Almost Epic Squad** series (Scholastic)

Most presentations run around an hour; less for primary grades. Fees are negotiable: approx. \$300/presentation; \$500 for a half day (two presentations) etc. **Almost Epic** team presentations feature a cheaper group rate.

All fees are + HST

If necessary, travel fees can be discussed.

Groups can be any size. For large groups, a microphone may be needed.

Selected Bibliography:

What Blows Up /Almost Epic Squad, Scholastic, 2018,

Harry And Clare's Amazing Staycation, Tundra, 2017 (picture book)

Bounced, (2018 MYRA Sundog nominee) Scholastic, 2017

Who I'm Not, (John Spray Mystery Award winner) Orca, 2013

Jump Cut, / SEVEN series (Red Maple nominee) Orca, 2012

The SEVEN series sequels and prequels

The Morgan series, Formac First Novels (1998- 2016)

Puddleman, Kids Can Press/Red Deer Press

For a complete bibliography, more photos and details on workshops and presentations, check out Ted's web site: www.tedstauntonbooks.com.