

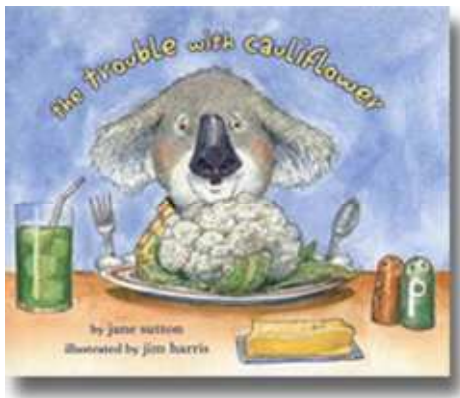
Jane Sutton



Children's Book Author

Jane Sutton is “a real live author” who has never forgotten what it’s like to be a kid. Through her entertaining school and library talks, students learn about the writing process and the trials and rewards of being a writer, and are inspired to want to write themselves.

The Trouble with Cauliflower



Jane is excited to share her brand new book, *The Trouble with Cauliflower*, first of a Dial Books for Young Readers series, with pictures by Reading Rainbow illustrator Jim Harris. In this funny picture book, a koala bear named Mortimer is convinced that eating cauliflower brings him bad luck. His friend Sadie, an ostrich, tries to teach him that one creates one’s own luck, with amusing consequences.

Reviews

“A delightful tale about the mysterious relationship between food and fortune. . . . Spirited watercolor-and-pencil illustrations are full of movement and humor, and the text is freshly funny right up to the hilarious last line.”

—*The Kirkus Review*

“Sutton’s humorous story about overcoming superstitions is expanded by Harris’ watercolor-and-pencil illustrations that are filled with whimsical details. . . . Children will chuckle over Mortimer’s folly, even as they recognize familiar anxieties . . .”

—*Booklist*

“This gentle story is told with humor and creativity, and the watercolor-and-pencil cartoon illustrations extend the charming text. Kids will be taken with this title.”

—*School Library Journal*

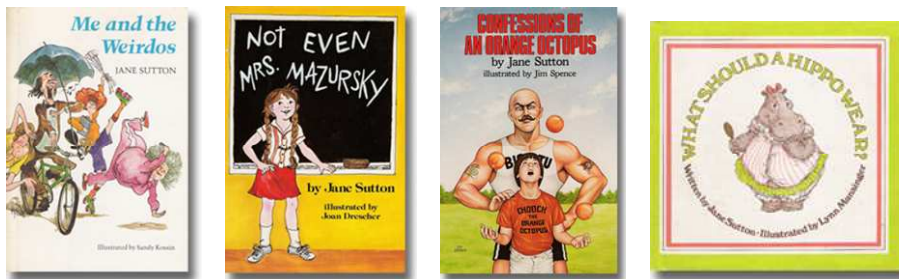
About the Author

The author of five other books for children, Jane has given many guest author presentations to elementary school through college audiences. She and her husband live in Lexington, MA where their two children attended Lexington Public Schools.

Jane's interest in writing has led her to be a special education tutor, a creative writing teacher, a newspaper reporter, and an advertising copywriter. She is now a writing tutor at Fisher College in Boston.

Jane's Books

Jane Sutton has three previously published middle grade novels: *Me and the Weirdos*, *Not Even Mrs. Mazursky*, and *Confessions of an Orange Octopus*. *Me and the Weirdos* was an ALA-CBC Children's Choice and won the Utah Children's Book Award. She has one previous picture book, *What Should a Hippo Wear?*, and one young adult novel, *Definitely Not Sexy*, an ALA Book for Reluctant Readers. Several of her books have been published in French.



What are Jane's Presentations Like?

To allow children and teachers to get the most from a visit by an author, Jane tailors presentations to the age group and, when requested, to support ongoing curriculum. For example, when describing the writing process, she goes into more or less detail, depending on the audience grade level. With older students, she brings along shockingly messy drafts, galley sheets, and even heartbreaking rejection slips. Single or multiple sessions can be scheduled.

Jane's talks are peppered with humorous anecdotes, and she allows plenty of time for questions and dialogue. Teachers are provided with suggestions for follow-up activities. Schools have the option to order copies of Jane's latest book, which she will happily sign for individual students.

Special Requests

Teacher-requested topics include How to Show Characters' Personalities and Emotions, Fictionalizing Personal Experiences, Doing Research to Make Fiction Authentic, and Using Senses to Create Vivid Descriptions. In multiple-session presentations, follow-up meetings focus on students' work.

Feedback from Presentations

“You have a wonderful way of giving feedback to children so that they hear what can be improved and yet feel positive about what they accomplished.”

—an enrichment volunteer parent

“Your presentation is lovely, low key and filled with information to help children appreciate authors and their work.”

—an enrichment volunteer parent

“Many thanks for coming to [school] to enlighten and inspire our students.”

—a teacher

“Our class learned so much about how to write books and how to get ideas for writing. We appreciate your kindness and help.”

—a third grade class



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