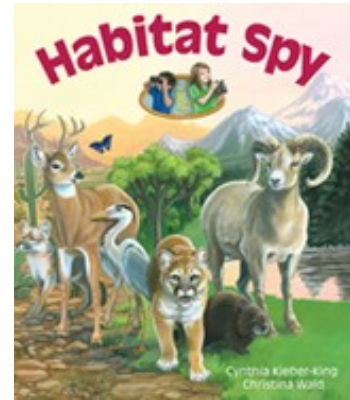


Schedule a School Visit with Children's Author Cynthia Kieber-King!

New Release! Spring 2011

Habitat Spy

Told in rhyming narrative, *Habitat Spy* invites children to find plants, invertebrates, birds, and mammals living in thirteen different North American habitats: backyard, beach, bog, cave, desert, forest, meadow, mountain, ocean, plains, pond, river, and swamp. Children will have fun discovering the characteristics of each habitat as they “spy,” identify, and count the resident plants and animals and learn about the interactions between living and non-living things.



About Cynthia Kieber-King

Cynthia has a B.S. in zoology and an M.S. in biological oceanography and worked for many years in environmental science. Though she has had a variety of jobs involved in analyzing, editing, and writing scientific papers, she has continued her passion for creative writing through course work in poetry, fiction writing, and children's writing. She has won the Benjamin Spencer Award, the Marie Drennan Prize, and the F. L. Hunt Award for creative writing and poetry. She was inspired to write *Habitat Spy* after stepping out into her backyard in Central New York, when she wondered how many habitats she would encounter if she just kept walking across the United States.

Not only is Cynthia's book fun, but it's educational, too!

Habitat Spy features a "For Creative Minds" section (see below), Cross-curricular "Teaching Activities," English/Spanish eBooks and audio, child-friendly "Related Websites," and Comprehension & Math quizzes, all available at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

"For Creative Minds" Educational Section

- What is a Habitat?
- Adaptations and Basic Needs True/False
- Food Chains and Webs: The Circle of Life

A School Visit with Cynthia...

Cynthia's school visits include:

- A 30-50 minute presentation which includes reading from *Habitat Spy*, signing copies of the book, and learning more about the animals and plants featured and their habitats.
- Question and answer time, including questions on both *Habitat Spy* and writing in general.

Due to the hands-on nature of the presentations, small groups of one to three classes are preferred.



Interview With Cynthia...

How did you get the idea to write *Habitat Spy*?

I've always loved to travel and explore different habitats, ranging from my backyard to the multitude found in our fabulous National Parks. Behind my backyard is a meadow, behind the meadow is a shrubby area full of brambles, and far beyond the brambles the land rises into a wooded hill. I wondered what those woods looked like, but I couldn't get to them - those brambles were too clingy and painful! But I imagined what I would see if I *could* get from the meadow to those woods. And I wondered what I would see if I kept walking, exploring habitat after habitat until eventually I'd traveled across the United States out in to the Pacific Ocean. What a trip that would be – so many intriguing habitats, full of incredible plants and animals! Since I couldn't make that walk in real life, I made that trip come to life on paper, and that imagining turned into *Habitat Spy*.



How To Schedule:

1. Coordinate with other classes (or schools or libraries), and decide what day works best.
2. Contact author directly to schedule date, time and details at cynthwrite@gmail.com.
3. Send letter home to parents announcing the author visit and offering them the opportunity to order autographed books for their children. (Form letter enclosed!)
4. Preorder books.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that Cynthia Kieber-King, author of *Habitat Spy* will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her book so that your child can receive an autograph and remember this special day, please fill out and return the attached order form by _____.

Best wishes,

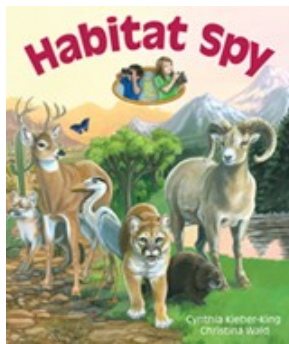
Yes! I would like to help my child remember Cynthia's school visit!

Name of Child:

Personalize Autograph To:

Grade:

Name of Teacher:



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Habitat Spy</i>	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Please make checks payable to (if applicable):				SUBTOTAL	
				SALES TAX _____%	
				TOTAL	

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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