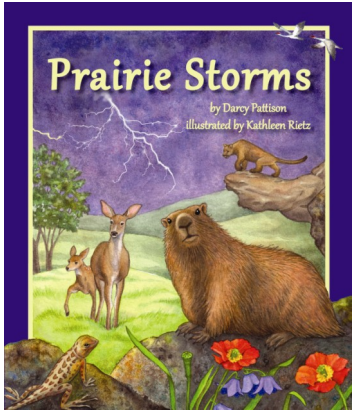


Schedule a School Visit with
Children's Author
Darcy Pattison!
Author of
Prairie Storms
and 2012 New Release
Desert Baths



How do you stay clean without water?

In *Desert Baths*, watch the vulture bask in the morning sun, the roadrunner kick up a cloud of dust, the javelina wallow, and the bobcat give her cub a licking with a rough tongue. As the sun travels across the sky, learn how twelve different desert animals face the difficulties of staying clean in a dry and parched land. Explore the desert habitat through its animals and their habits of hygiene. Told in lyrical prose, this story is a celebration of the desert lands of the American Southwest. (Ages 4-8)

A Year of Stormy Weather

Cozy up with *Prairie Storms* for a rainy day read and explore the prairie ecosystem through its ever-changing weather. Each month features a storm typical of that season and a prairie animal who must shelter, hide, escape, or endure those storms. Told in lyrical prose, this story is a celebration of the grasslands that dominate the center of American lands and the animals that live there. (Ages 5-10)



Plus, 60-70 pages of cross-curricular **Teaching Activities** and three Interactive Reading Comprehension and Math **Quizzes** on both the *Prairie Storms* and *Desert Baths* homepages (www.SylvanDellPublishing.com) to help parents and educators extend the learning possibilities.



A School Visit With Darcy

Get students excited about books and reading...
invite an author to do a school visit!

Darcy offers three types of presentations:

- **Large group assemblies:** usually center on books, the writing and publishing process, and are suitable for K-8th grades.
- **Small group writing workshops:** involve classes up to 30 students and can be tailored to the needs of your group.
- **Teacher professional development** is another popular session, and can be tailored to your needs. Sometimes schools also want to do a session for parents to discuss the importance of reading.

These presentations can be combined, but are limited to a maximum of four presentations per day. Darcy can also divide her day between several schools that are close together.

Equipment: Speaker for large groups, as well as a PowerPoint projector/computer. Handouts

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.
 - Darcy Pattison, darcy@darcypattison.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.**
 - Coordinate book sales with author.



Darcy Pattison is published in eight languages. In addition to *Prairie Storms* and *Desert Baths*, her other recent titles include *Wisdom: The Midway Albatross* and *11 Ways to Ruin a Photograph*. She received the 2007 Arkansas Governor's Arts Awards for her work in Children's Literature. Darcy established the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators Arkansas Chapter, and is also currently the Co-Chair of the Children's Program for the Arkansas Literary Festival. Darcy is a writing instructor and resides in central Arkansas. For more information about Darcy, visit her website at www.darcypattison.com.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that children's author Darcy Pattison (*Prairie Storms*, *Desert Baths*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classrooms in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her book(s) 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,

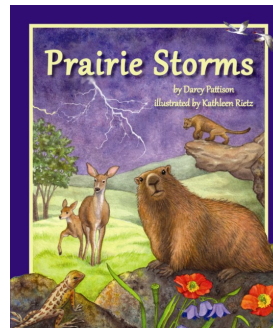
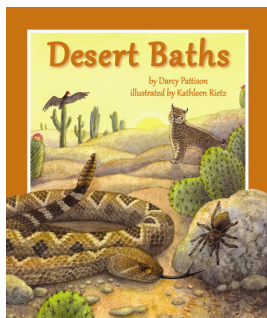
Yes! I would like to help my child remember Darcy's school visit!

Name of Child:

Grade:

Personalize Autograph To:

Teacher:



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
Desert Baths	Hardcover	\$17.95			
	Paperback	\$9.95			
Prairie Storms	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____