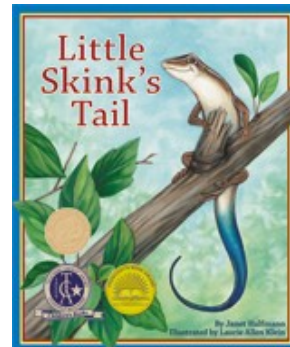
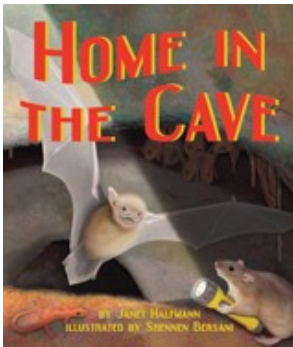


# Schedule a School Visit with Award-Winning Children's Author Janet Halfmann!



## *Home in the Cave*

Baby Bat loves his cave home and never wants to leave it. While practicing flapping his wings one night, he falls, and Pluribus Packrat rescues him. They then explore the deepest, darkest corners of the cave where they meet amazing animals—animals that don't need eyes to see or colors to hide from enemies. Baby Bat learns how important bats are to the cave habitat and how other cave-living critters rely on them for their food. Will Baby Bat finally venture out of the cave to help the other animals?

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## *Little Skink's Tail*

While Little Skink hunts yummy ants for breakfast, she is suddenly attacked by a crow! But she has a trick to escape—she snaps off her tail, and it keeps on wiggling! Little Skink is happy to be alive, but she misses her bright blue tail. Little Skink's Tail follows Little Skink as she daydreams of having the tails of other animals in the forest. Readers will enjoy pretending with her, trying on tail after tail.

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## *Fur and Feathers*

When Sophia dreams that howling winds whisk the fur and feathers right off her animal friends, she shares some of her clothes with them. But her clothing doesn't work well for the animals. Seeing their disappointment, she offers to sew each one the "right" coat. Animals line up to explain what they need and why. Polar Bear needs white fur to stay warm and hide in the snow. Fish needs scales, but with slime. Snake needs scales too, but dry ones. And how will Sophia make a prickly coat for Porcupine?

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## **A lot of parents would like to help their children improve upon their writing. Do you have any advice for them?**

“My best advice – and something I help kids work on during writing workshops – is encouraging kids to ‘throw up’ on paper. We talk about making a mess to be creative! A lot of kids also seem to think that as soon as pen hits the paper (or font hits the computer screen), they can't make any changes. Of course, this is not so! Brain dumping helps break that habit by encouraging kids to stop editing in their heads. Get all of those great thoughts down on paper and then rearrange, organize, and edit. “



## Not only are Janet's books fun, they're educational, too!

The back of each Sylvan Dell book features a "[For Creative Minds](#)" section:

### *Home in the Cave*

- Life in Cave Zones
- Rock Formations
- Hands On: Bat Echolocation

### *Little Skink's Tail:*

- Fun Facts
- Turtle Habitat and Adaptation Craft
- Counting Activity

### *Fur and Feathers:*

- Great Horn Owl Fun Facts
- Adaptation Matching Activity
- Owl Life Sequencing

Additional Online Resources include: Cross-curricular [Teaching Activities](#), [English/Spanish eBooks](#), [Audiobooks](#), child-friendly [Related Websites](#), Comprehension & Math [Quizzes](#). Aligned to [national and state curriculum Standards](#), and AR & Reading Counts Quizzes.

## About the Author



**Janet Halfmann** (pronounced Howlf-mun) is the award-winning author of more than thirty fiction and nonfiction children's books, including ***Home in the Cave***, ***Fur and Feathers***, and ***Little Skink's Tail*** for Sylvan Dell. Other recent titles include *Eggs: 1, 2, 3*; *Star of the Sea: A Day in the Life of a Starfish*; *Good Night, Little Sea Otter*; *Garter Snake at Willow Creek Lane*; and *Seven Miles to Freedom: The Robert Smalls Story*. Janet is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Before becoming a children's author, Janet was a daily newspaper reporter, children's magazine editor, and a creator of coloring and activity books for Golden Books. She is the mother of four and the grandmother of four. When Janet isn't writing, she enjoys gardening, exploring nature, visiting living-history museums, and spending time with her family. She grew up on a farm in Michigan and now lives in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For more information, visit her website: <http://www.janethalfmann.com>

### Visit Details and Rates:

- Please contact Janet for details and rates, or to schedule a school visit, at [jhalfmann@wi.rr.com](mailto:jhalfmann@wi.rr.com)

### 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.  
Email Janet at [jhalfmann@wi.rr.com](mailto:jhalfmann@wi.rr.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 and coordinate book sales with author.

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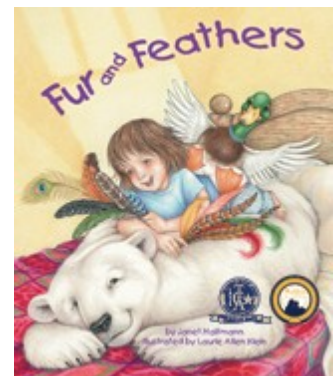
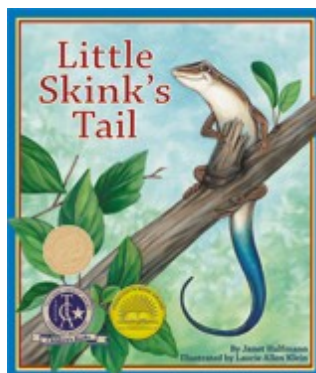
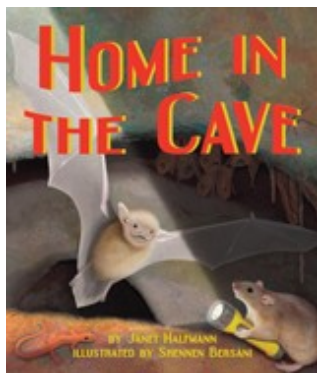
We are excited to announce that award-winning children’s author Janet Halfmann—*Home in the Cave*, *Fur and Feathers*, and *Little Skink’s Tail*—will be visiting our school on \_\_\_\_\_ to meet our students, talk about her books and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! 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  
Janet’s school visit!**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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	Paperback	\$8.95			
Fur and Feathers	Hardcover	\$16.95			
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