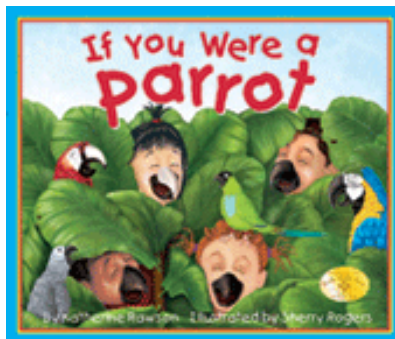


Schedule a School Visit with Vermont Children's Author Katherine Rawson!



If You Were a Parrot is a **ForeWord Book of the Year Finalist!**

If You Were a Parrot is a whimsical story that lets children imagine what life would be like if they were a pet parrot. Readers join four parrots and their young multicultural owners as they morph into four-toed parrots climbing around the house and then chewing wooden spoons and popsicles — sticks and all — with hooked parrot beaks! The fun continues as children learn about parrots and their adaptations.

2007 ForeWord Book of the Year Award finalist!

Author **Katherine Rawson** was inspired to write *If You Were a Parrot* by watching her own pet parrot, Shadow, a small green parrot with a big personality. When Katherine is not playing with, reading, or writing about parrots, she teaches English as a Second Language at a community college and works as a freelance writer. She is a former elementary school teacher now living in Vermont.

Did you have to do a lot of research before writing *If You Were a Parrot*?

“I had read a lot about parrots before I wrote the book because I own parrots and am interested in them, but I didn’t specifically do research in order to write the book. My inspiration for the book came from watching my pets and a few other parrots I know. I just wrote about the things they did that I thought were funny or interesting. My parrot, Shadow, really does most of the things in the book. She climbs curtains, she chews up telephone books, she loves baths and broccoli, and so on. There are a few things in the book that she doesn’t do. She chews popsicle sticks but doesn’t eat popsicles. But I have seen a parrot, a large white cockatoo, eating a popsicle. It was quite a sight!

“The one thing in the book that I haven’t actually observed is the part about the parrot imitating the sound of a telephone ringing. But I do know that that is a talent that many parrots have. Shadow doesn’t do telephone rings, but she does imitate the beeping sound the telephone makes when you dial. Every time she sees someone pick up the phone, she starts beeping.”



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

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

If You Were a Parrot

- Parrot Fun Facts
- Make A Beak Activity
- Parrot Adaptations
- How To Prepare For A Parrot

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.



Visit Details:

- Katherine works with one or two classes at a time doing various activities.
- Preschoolers and first graders participate in story time with an option of a writing experience.
- First, second, and third graders will learn about creative writing about animals.
- Katherine is also open to ideas about other programs if instructors have requests.

Rates:

- For rates, please contact Katherine at ktr@mindspring.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 Katherine at ktr@mindspring.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.

Dear Parents,

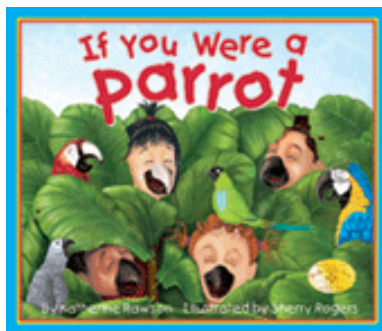
We are excited to announce that children's author Katherine Rawson (*If You Were a Parrot*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of the book so that your child can receive 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 Katherine's school visit!

Name of Child: _____ Name of Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>If You Were a Parrot</i>	Hardcover	\$15.95			
Plush 9" Macaw (red)		\$10.15			
Plush 9" Macaw (yellow)		\$10.15			

Please make checks payable to (if applicable):

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____