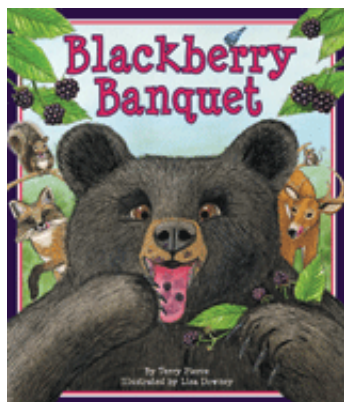


Schedule a School Visit with California Children's Author Terry Pierce!



Blackberry Banquet, illustrated by Lisa Downey, is the sumptuous story of forest animals sharing a feast on a blackberry bush. When a bear arrives the animals realize there might not be enough for all of them! Children will love playing along with the animal noises as the crowd around the blackberry feast increases. Downey's illustrations look so delicious, they will have all readers smacking their lips for berries.

Terry Pierce is the author of seventeen children's books, including picture books, easy readers, joke books, and non-fiction. Terry now writes full-time, teaches children's writing workshops and is a visiting author at elementary schools. She also proudly serves on the Ventura/Santa Barbara regional board of the SCBWI.

Terry was inspired to write *Blackberry Banquet* by her son (now grown) and their berry-picking family vacations in Oregon. Even though he was terrified of the bees that frequented the berry bushes, he knew the reward of a blackberry pie was worth working through his fears. Terry lives in the high desert of California with her husband of thirty years, one goldfish, and two rambunctious cats.

As an author, you probably spend a lot of time around kids. What advice do you have for their parents?

"Read to your kids! Parents have probably heard this a million times, but it's true. From the time they are babies, read to them.

Reading to babies/toddlers helps them to learn to focus, encourages parent-child bonding, and familiarizes them with books. For preschoolers, reading does the above things, plus it helps them to appreciate what books can offer them. Reading imparts knowledge, provides entertainment, encourages family bonding, and exposes children to a whole new world to explore that they might not otherwise know about."



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

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

Blackberry Banquet

- Blackberry Fun Facts
- How we eat blackberries
- Plants and Animals
- Are plants always good?
- How do animals help plants?

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:

Assemblies: In a multi-sensory and interactive assembly, in accordance with California State writing standards, children will get an in-depth look at writing. Using overheads, props and movement, Terry teaches children about story creation, the revision process, humor writing, and gives writing tips.

Classroom Visits: Class visits with upper grades follow the assemblies and are done in a Q & A format. This is where children can get an in-depth look at one author's life and Terry shares some writing tips.

CHILDREN'S WRITER'S WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS (3.5 HOURS):

Have you ever dreamed of writing for children? In this overview of the children's writing field (with an emphasis on picture books), Terry covers children's genres, developing story basics, the picture book format, manuscript formatting, the submission process, and recommended resources.

Rates:

Elementary School Visit: \$400 locally, within Indian Wells Valley, CA (\$750 where overnight stay is required, plus expenses: transportation, lodging, meals). Includes two assemblies plus up to four post-assembly classroom visits. *Discount available for multiple bookings within a single school district (on consecutive multiple days).

Children's Writing Workshop for Adults: \$350 (\$500 where overnight stay is required, plus expenses: travel, lodging, meals).

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.
Terry Pierce, terry@terrypiercebooks.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,

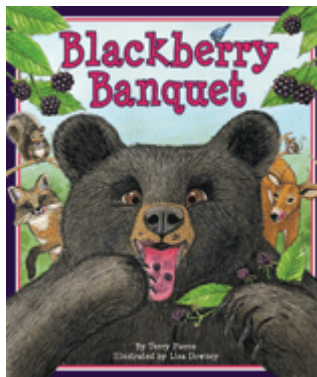
We are excited to announce that children's author Terry Pierce (*Blackberry Banquet*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her book so that your child can receive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

Name of Child: _____ Name of Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Blackberry Banquet!</i>	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Plush 12" Black Bear		\$21.75			
Plush 10" Deer		\$13.00			

Please make checks payable to (if applicable):

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