Dee Romito

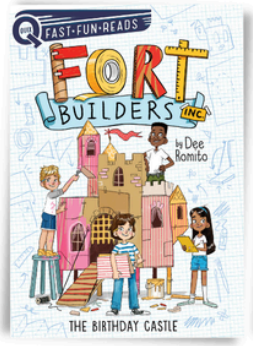
AUTHOR OF BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

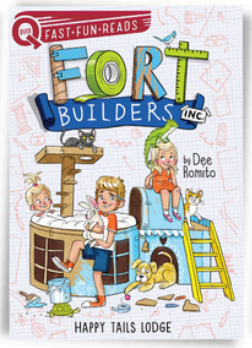
About Me

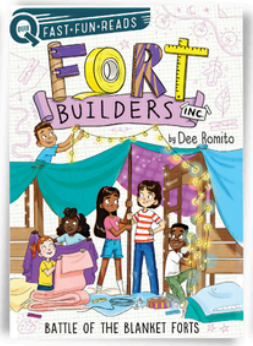
I live in my hometown of Buffalo, New York. You're likely to find me on adventures with my husband and our two kids, at the local ice cream shop, or curled up in a comfy chair with my cats. And while I do my best to be a grown-up most of the time, giggling with my BFFs is still one of my all-time favorite things.

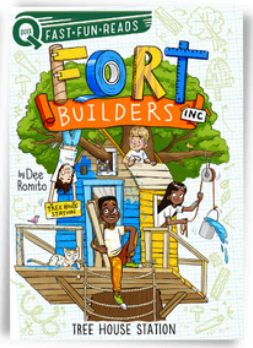
Author Visits

As a children's author and former elementary school teacher, I love visiting schools! My visits focus on getting the most out of reading and on making your writing stronger. Sessions can be adapted for grades K-6 and groups of different sizes. My books include both fiction and nonfiction picture books, as well as chapter books and middle grade novels.









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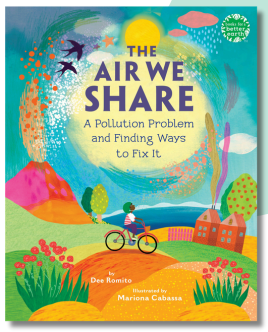

AUTHOR VISIT INFO

What's included?

A full-day visit includes your choice of up to three presentations (30-50 minutes each) or up to four writing workshop sessions (length will vary) with small groups of students or classrooms. We can also chat about combining presentations and workshops into a full day session.

An author lunch with students can be included with a full-day visit at no additional cost, if desired. Schools should choose students ahead of time.

I'm always happy to sign books, either at school or ahead of time.

What does it cost?

My honorarium for the 2026-2027 school year for a full day visit is as follows:

- Local visit in the Buffalo area: $1,400
- More than a 45-minute drive: $1,600
- More than a 90-minute drive with overnight stay needed, or visits requiring air transportation: $2,100 plus travel expenses

A full-day visit may be shared by schools within the same district.

Half days are only offered in the Greater Buffalo area and include up to two presentations for $900. Virtual visits are $400 per session. Library/Club events are $400 for one presentation. Afterschool add-ons to author visits are $400.

How do we get started?

Interested? Great! Need more info? That's okay too.

Contact me at dee@deeromito.com with any questions or to work out dates for a visit.

Skype Visits

I offer a limited number of FREE 20-minute Q&A Skype visits to classrooms, after school clubs, girl scout/boy scout troops, and book clubs! Please contact me for more info.

A few things ...

The honorarium is due on the day of my visit.

Teacher guides are available on my website for all of my books.

I'm happy to work with your local independent bookstore to coordinate book sales or connect you with one of my local indies. Books can be signed by me and personalized.

Technology requests: a Smartboard or projector and screen with sound, unless it's a small-group workshop. For groups larger than 1-2 classrooms, a microphone is appreciated.

I'd love to be interviewed prior to the visit by some of your students for a school newspaper or announcements!

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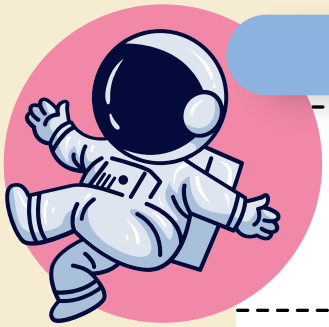
Presentation Options

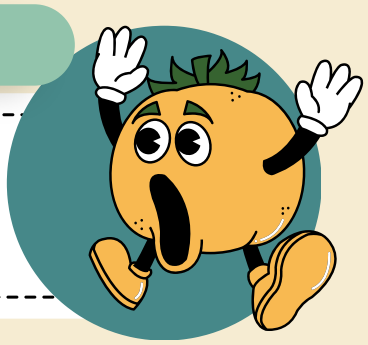
Each presenation can be adjusted for different grade levels.



What a Character!

Every little thing a character does, says, wears, and loves tells us something about him. With the help of a handful of students to assist me, we'll make characters come alive and learn to read and write with a focus on character development.

But What Goes Wrong?



A story isn't just about all the good things that happen to a character; it's about that character's challenges, rough spots, and obstacles on the journey. We'll talk about plot and how to connect the events in a story using cause & effect.

Building a Story

Writing a story doesn't start with sitting down to write and it isn't finished after the first draft--It's a Work-in-Progress. I'll share what it takes to get a book published and what the planning, writing, and revision stages look like behind the scenes.

Revision Magic

Making changes to a story can feel like one of the hardest parts of writing, but it's where the real magic happens. We'll break down the different things to look for during the revision process and learn how to add more details to make it even better.

Keeping It Real

I'll share how I "keep it real" in both fiction and nonfiction by doing lots of research and mining from real-life experiences. We'll learn how to keep your nonfiction factual and make your fiction more engaging with vivid settings, interesting characters, and fun details.