

School Presentations

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What is included?

- A book reading of The Bone War: A Tucker and Zoey Adventure that includes pauses where the author and illustrator will ask students questions about the story, story elements and illustrations. It also includes behind the scenes commentary about the book and the dogs!
- 2. Q&A session for your students where they can ask the author and illustrator questions about the dogs, the stories, our lives, etc.
- 3. The Author and Artist's Den We give the students a look into the creative processes we use to produce our books.

What does it cost?

Full Day Program Appearance*

Fee is \$500 for up to 2 presentations Fee is \$750 for 3 presentations Fee is \$1,000 for 4 or more presentations * Flexible timing and presentaion length

Book Sale - Option A

Pre or post presentation (or both) autographed book sale with special event prices – \$20.00 for hardcover books and \$10.00 for paperback books

Bulk Book Purchase - Option B

For pre presentation orders of 50 books or more, special event prices are reduced to half retail – \$11 .00 for hardcover books and \$7.50 for paperback books

What People are Saying

Christian and Tim's presentation was a truly engaging and inspiring experience for our elementary students. From excerpts of the author's journaling pages to doodles out of the illustrator's sketchbook. students were shown a true glimpse into the creative writing process. Throughout our school assembly, you could feel the author and illustrator's passion for writing and illustrating the Adventures of Tucker and Zoey they made students excited to start their own writing pieces! The content of the Adventures of Tucker and Zoey series is completely relatable to elementaryaged students. The illustrations and writing help the adorable personalities of these lovable pets to shine through. Students loved listening to the stories, and teachers loved the underlying message of friendship and compassion that can be seen throughout the series. Christian and Tim maintained absolute professionalism while dealing with students. teachers, and staff throughout the school day. They even returned to our school later in the evening for our schoolwide Dr. Seuss celebration! Our school cannot wait to have them return for our next Author/Illustrator visit, and students cannot wait to read about the next adventure for Tucker and Zoey.

Laura Nederostek PTA, President, Lehigh Elementary



The Author

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Christian Bensing

I am an author, writing teacher and library media specialist as well as a proud fellow with the Lehigh Valley chapter of National Writing Project. A writer my entire life, I never thought much about writing books for children until my daughter was born. From that day on, I read to her every day, rekindling a personal love and appreciation of children's books. I quickly remembered how wonderful, powerful, and entertaining children's books can be. A popular topic for storytelling in my family has always been the interesting exploits of our rescue dogs, which have inspired me to write fun, humorous books for families that share positive messages about empathy, change, patience, trust, sibling rivalry, handling change, etc. Together with Tim Feather, illustrator and my great friend for over 35 years, I enjoy offering children stories they will want to hear over and over again. I live a blessed life with my family of humans and canines in Nazareth, PA.

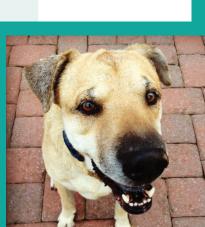
"As an author, there is nothing better than finding a way to fully resonate with readers on multiple levels. When you can entertain, evoke emotion, and inspire an audience to self-reflect all with one story, you have done your job. If that audience is primarily children, you have done a service to society."



What People are Saying

The kids really enjoyed your presentation yesterday. I saw my 3rd and 4th grade gifted kids, and each of them said they really had a great time. I could tell they enjoyed it as I heard lots of cheering and laughing going on from my room. Kudos to your illustrator and you for a great presentation. I hope you inspired some future writers.

> Alton Mann, Jr. Gifted Teacher K-4, Lower Nazareth Elementary School







The Illustrator

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Timothy Feather

I am an illustrator, a graphic artist, a web designer, a husband, a father, a son, a brother... I live in rural Pennsylvania with my wife, our boy/girl twins and our dog Gabriel. We own a small graphic and web design company that affords me the flexibility to also illustrate children's books. The creation of the Tucker and Zoey Adventure Series with my good friend and author, Christian Bensing has been a joy.

"From the time I could hold a crayon, I have been drawing. My brother was my first teacher. We would draw cars and trains, and people and animals. There was an honest simplicity to those drawings. Over the years, I spent my teens and twenties trying to render subjects with precision and accuracy. Upon having children, I was reunited with the simplicity and beauty of children's books. My journey back to illustrating children's books has been a wonderful joy for me and my hope is that my drawings bring joy to all who see them."

What People are Saying

Who doesn't love dog stories??! Mr. Bensing and Mr. Feather visited our school for assemblies and as guests at our school's reading night. Our students loved the fun and engaging books. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear about the process of writing, illustrating, and publishing books! All of their presentations ran smoothly with little planning and preparation on my part.

LouAnn Fehr Reading Specialist, Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary School









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The Bone War

Tucker is adopted into a loving home after spending most of his life in foster care, where he always needed to compete with larger dogs for attention. Now he is the star of the household and lives the life every dog dreams of belly rubs, a spacious yard, a warm bed, and his very own delicious bone to chew. Then suddenly, to Tucker's surprise, Zoey is adopted into the family. She is a bold and curious chihuahua who takes an intense interest in the bone Tucker cherishes so very much.

Tucker will do whatever it takes to keep his new little sister from stealing the bone and disrupting his perfect life. Let the bone war begin!

The Bone War is a hilarious and heartwarming story about pet adoption, sibling rivalry, and the power of empathy.

This first book of the Tucker and Zoey Adventures series, based on the real-life antics of the author's two adopted dogs, will delight kids and grown-ups alike. It is sure to be an instant classic!

The Bed War

Tucker and Zoey are back! Tucker's bed is the envy of every dog. Although Zoey has her own bed, she wants Tucker's instead, and she will stop at nothing to get it. But when the bed ends up in the laundry, the dogs must find other places to nap until the bed is clean. Their patience is put to the test as they guickly realize that a good place to sleep is not always easy to find! Will the bed war destroy the bond the two rescue dogs only recently formed after they were adopted into the same home?

In this much-anticipated sequel to The Bone War, Tucker and Zoey continue their wacky but loveable sibling rivalry as their latest adventure teaches them the importance of patience and sharing.



The Bath War

A bone war. A bed war. Now a bath war? After their adventures in The Bed War, Tucker and Zoey are filthy. Now they must face their greatest fear - the dreaded bathtub! Can the man convince them to get into the sudsy water, or will the dogs find a way to escape this soggy situation? The dogs will do everything they can to avoid taking a bath, hiding here, there, and everywhere!. In book 3 of the loveable Tucker and Zoey Adventures series, Tucker and Zoey must overcome their fear and learn that trust is important when you are part of a family.

Lap Cat Deluxe

It's difficult NOT to be a bit arrogant when the animal shelter puts a sign on your crate that says "Lap Cat Deluxe." Myles is a cat with a lot of confidence in himself, and it is one of the reasons the "guy with the jeep" decides to adopt him. But Myles's swagger also gets him into some sticky situations that will test his relationship with his new dad. From the creators of Tucker and Zoey Adventures, Lap Cat Deluxe kicks off the hilarious (Mis)Adventures of Myles series, which chronicles the real-life fun and follies of Myles, a rescue cat with a big ego, bigger heart, and spotless tuxedo.

What People are Saying

The dynamic duo of Christian Bensing and Timothy Feather really wowed us at Lincoln Elementary School! Our students and staff loved every minute. Their message transcends far beyond just writing and drawing pictures; they taught our students the "4 P's" to finding success in ANY aspect of life: have a PASSION, find your PEOPLE, find your PURPOSE, and have PATIENCE. Their amazing presentations (which they geared towards the different grade levels) and author meet and greets definitely inspired our budding authors and illustrators! Many students and their families are still reaching out and talking about their

love for rescue pups Tucker and Zoey, and about the great day they had with this awesome duo. They were so easy to work with in preparation for our visit, and their presentations were perfectly planned. It's obvious they love what they do!

Adrienne Ibarra & Cindy Brown Reading Specialists - Lincoln Elementary School