

Reviews



Throwing Stones
“It’s 1923 and 14-year-old Andy is sure that if he can lead his team to the championship, everything will return to normal...plenty of drama. Literary sports fans will be right at home.”

— *Kirkus Reviews*

“...an involving novel with a full, varied cast of convincing characters.” —*Booklist*

“Both historical fiction and sports readers will enjoy Andy’s credible first-person narration in this page-turning read.” —*I/OYA*

Jericho Walls

“Another memorable preacher’s child steps on to the stage in this promising debut.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

Winner of the 2002 Josette Frank Award.

Smithsonian Magazine’s “Best Books of 2002.”

An IRA-CBC notable book.



Invite
Kristi
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author of



Throwing Stones



Jericho Walls

to your school

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Relevant and Rewarding

Kristi has worked both as a mental health counselor and as a community trainer, so she knows how to keep kids (and adults!) interested and excited.

Choose what works for you

Schools may schedule up to four presentations a day of 30 to 50 minutes each.

Possible topics include:

Written and Illustrated by...

Come to together as a class or a school to write an interactive story using the foundational principles of good storytelling. See the story your class has written come to life before your eyes.

Once Upon a Time

Experience the fun and excitement of history through the power of effective storytelling.

One for the Record Books

Discuss good books — how to read them, how to write about them, and how story can change lives.

Signs and Symbolism

Uncover the deeper meaning in story.

...or Kristi can develop something specific for your class.

Suggested Audience: Grades 3 through 8



Kristi with projects created by students at Fall Creek Valley Middle School.

About the Author

Kristi currently works as a writer, a university instructor, a mental health counselor, a mom, and a unicorn tamer. (One of those isn't true.) She grew up in Indiana and was indoctrinated into the sport of basketball at an early age. She currently lives in Louisville, KY.

Her writing credits include two novels, a non-fiction book, *The Girls' Guide to Dreams*, and scores of short stories and articles in magazines including *FamilyFun*, *Calliope*, *Pockets*, *Brio*, *Teen* and *Girls' Life*.

Find out more: Check out the author's website for Q & A's, links to fun sites, downloadable discussion guides, and more.

www.collierbooks.com

Preparing for a Visit

School visits, especially classroom presentation, work best when the students are familiar with Kristi and her work. Teachers and librarians are encouraged to make copies of *Throwing Stones* and/or *Jericho Walls* available to students in advance of any visit.

Pre-event sales of books can be arranged through your local bookstore or directly from Henry Holt and Company. Teaching materials for *Throwing Stones* and *Jericho Walls*, including an educator's discussion guide, are available at www.collierbooks.com.

A flier promoting the visit is also available.

Book a Bonus Event:

Kristi would love to have a special lunch and discuss writing with students She's also available for in-school book signings or interviews. Bonus events do not count as formal presentations, and can be scheduled when time allows during a regular school visit.

Full Day Fee: \$400 plus travel expenses (to save on travel, contact Kristi to see if she is already coming to a school near you!)

If you can't fund a full-day fee, consider splitting the cost with another area school.

(Please remember, a school visit takes away two or three days of writing time.)