



School Visits from Stan Yan creator of humorous rhyming picture book



A bedtime storybook inspired by Stan's own son's fear of his zombie caricature artwork inspired this tale of Milo, a boy with an overactive imagination who won't let his parents sleep because he thinks monsters in the basement are going to come up and get him. See how he overcomes his fears.

Includes fun, interactive monster drawing workshop.

Preschool - 5th Grade

2022-2023 Speaking Fees

Denver Metro Area: \$200.00 (per presentation*)

Other parts of Colorado: \$500.00 (for first 2 presentations*)

Out of State: \$600.00** (for first 3 presentations*)

**additional presentations \$200 (same day only)*

***plus travel and lodging expenses (Denver Metro rates apply for video conference visits)*

Presentations are generally 40 minutes long, can be divided into K-2nd, and 3rd-5th grade groups depending on number of students. Groups 100 or less is suggested.

Virtual visits: \$100.00 (per presentation)



If your school is willing to participate in an online book sale, your school will earn money back for every book purchased via Author Visit Central at authorvisitcentral.com. A visit code will be set up and a flyer emailed to you for this after your visit has been confirmed (Please note that this will work ONLY for single shipment drops to your school). I also have pre-order arrangements with The Boulder Bookstore, The Wandering Jellyfish, Second Star to the Right, and The BookBar among others for Colorado front range schools.



Conferences

SCBWI/Rocky Mountain webinar speaker 2022
CCIRA Conference, presenter 2022, 2019, 2018
SCBWI/Rocky Mountain conference, faculty 2019, 2016, 2014
Colorado Teen Literature Conference, panelist 2019
Colorado Book Festival, panelist March 2018

Recent School Visits

British International School of Boston
Mackintosh Academy, Boulder
Grafenwoehr Elementary, Germany
Fireside Elementary
Prospect Ridge Elementary
Parker Arts
Hawthorne Scholastic Academy (IL)
Arapahoe County Libraries
Girl Scouts of America
Beitel Elementary (WY)
Little Elementary
Adventure Elementary
Kiowa Elementary
Wilmore Davis Elementary
Jefferson County Open School
Cory Elementary
Columbine Elementary
Doral Academy
Eloise May Library
Castlewood Library
Southglenn Library
Kelter Public Library
High Plains Library District
La Petite Academy, Littleton
Silver Hills Middle School
Isabella Bird Community School
Young Writers Conference at Lakewood HS
Flagstaff Academy
Foster Elementary
CCIRA Conference



Author Visiting Kit

The more the students are prepared for the visit, the more meaningful it will be.
Please build anticipation for the event by creating your own activities or ones suggested here.
Thank you for helping to create a very special event!

Author Research

- Stan Yan was born near Chicago Illinois, but moved to the Denver Metro Area when he was less than a year old, so he considers himself a Colorado native.
- “Stan” rhymes with “Yan”
- Stan’s favorite book authors growing up were Maurice Sendak and Doctor Suess, which is likely where his love of monsters came from, but he was also highly influenced by comic strips like *Calvin and Hobbes*.
- *While Stan always loved creating illustrated stories, he never really considered it a viable career, so he studied accounting at the University of Colorado in Boulder and became a stock broker for 13 years, during which time he continued to write and draw, creating his first 3 comic books and first graphic novel.*
- Stan started working full-time as a freelance artist in 2005 and started doing zombie caricatures at comic book conventions in 2006
- One of the reasons Stan likes to draw zombies is because he loves the built-in stories he can create around the single illustration in his own mind.
- Stan was inspired to write *There’s a Zombie in the Basement* in response to his 3-year-old son’s fear of his zombie caricature artwork, and he wanted to write a story about why he didn’t need to be afraid.
- Not only does Stan like to draw monsters, but some of the other things he enjoys drawing are weiner dogs (or dogs of any kind, really), goats, cars, and football players.
- Most of Stan’s comic book stories before this weren’t written as kids stories.
- Stan live’s with his wife and son in Denver, Colorado.

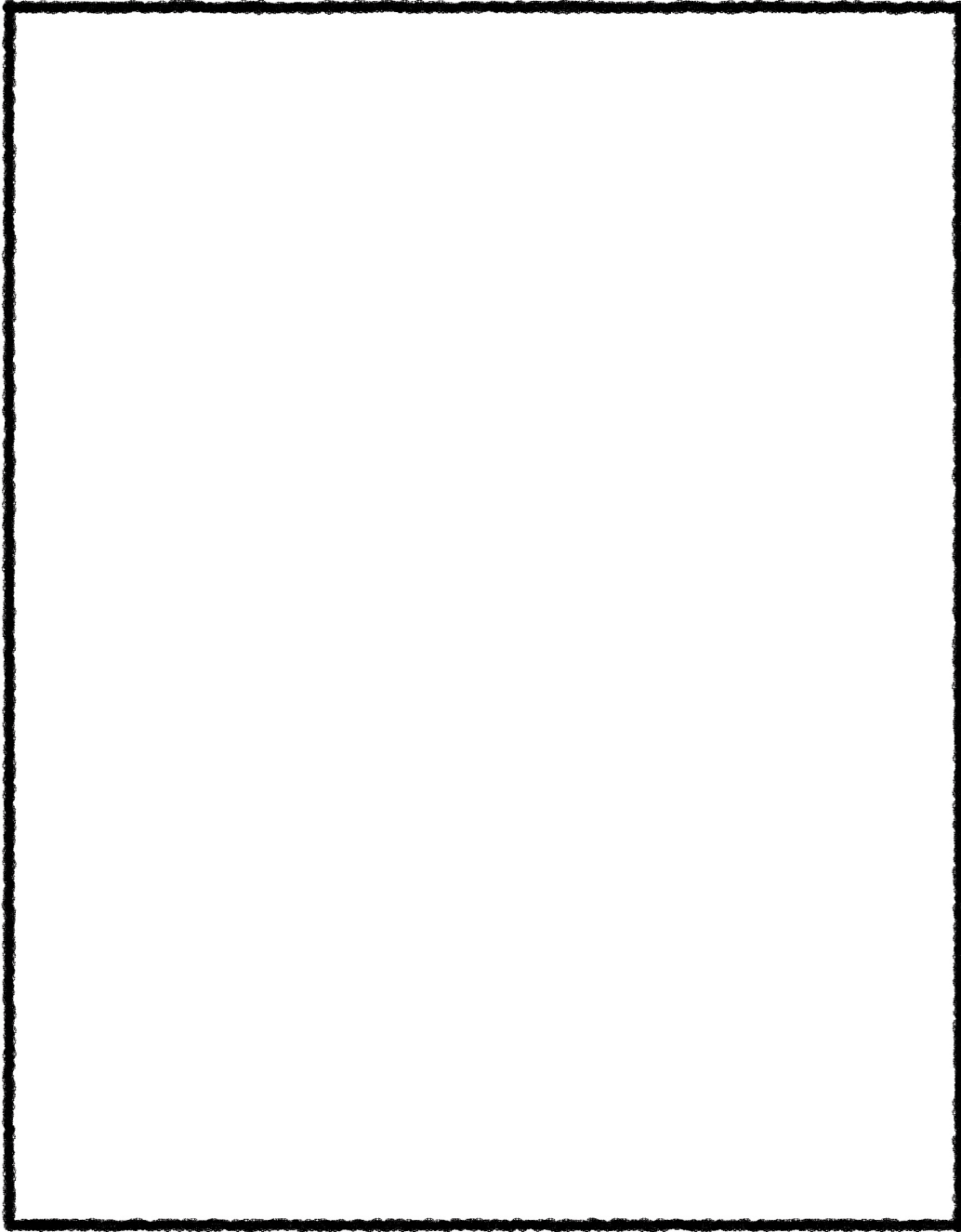
Activity

Sometimes I find that when something scares me, drawing or writing about it takes the mystery out of it, so in my book, I’ve included a page in the back where each book owner can draw their own picture of what scares them, and hopefully that will help to dispel their fears too.

A fun activity students can do before my visit, where I will do a monster drawing demonstration using suggestions of the students themselves, is to print out the following page and have them draw a monster. Create a gallery of monsters by posting them on the wall so when I visit, I can see if your drawings scare *me!*

After my demonstration, draw your monster again in your book using what you learned from me!

What are you scared of?



Draw a picture of it here!