



Have you ever heard of a prickle of porcupines? Or a murder of crows? Or a lounge of lizards?

My new book for children, *An Ambush of Tigers* (April 1, 2015, Millbrook Press/Lerner), is about the funny names we use for groups of animals. Clever rhymes and rich illustrations bring these collective nouns to life on this fun-filled romp through the animal kingdom. The book, which has garnered starred reviews from *School Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Kirkus Reviews*, is geared towards children in grades K-3. It combines a lesson in the amusing use of language with information about the animal world.

Based in Los Angeles, I'm the author of five books for children. Also, my poems have appeared in anthologies and several were selected by the Children's Poet Laureate for his national program to bring poetry into the classrooms through PoetryMinute.org. Another one of my poems will appear in his upcoming book, *One Minute Till Bedtime* (Spring 2016).

I've visited many schools and libraries to read and talk about my books, the writing process, including my inspirations and all the steps involved in the making of children's books from the initial idea all the way to the final printed book. My half-hour presentations can take place in an assembly attended by several classes simultaneously or in the more intimate setting of a library. Since my books include a poetry collection and a middle grade novel in verse, I'm also available to provide poetry-writing workshops. Please contact me for information about my fees.

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