

Inaugural Killaloe Kids' BookFest

Sharon Jennings



Current President (Past President 1997-99) of Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, Performers

Board of Directors – The Canadian Children's Book Centre, 2009 – Present

Has written stories for Owl and Chickadee magazines

Published in **High Interest Publishing** (HIP) – novels and other materials written, edited and designed for struggling and reluctant readers from age 8 to 18

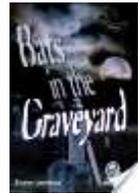
Books for Beginner Readers



Sharon Jennings collaborated with Paulette Bourgeois, creator of **Franklin the Turtle**, on some books, then took over writing the Franklin books after 2000 when Paulette Bourgeois moved on to other projects. *Franklin and the Babysitter*, *Franklin and the Hero*, *Franklin Plays Hockey*, and *Franklin Runs Away* are a few of her many titles; all are **Our Choice, Canadian Children's Book Centre, Winners** between 2001 and 2003

Books for the Reluctant Reader

The Bats series (HIP Books) depict various adventures of the Bat Gang. These junior novels have been created for students in grades 4-6 who read at a grade-2 to grade-3 level. Characters are young adolescents; plots involve high action but no real violence; themes are appropriate to middle elementary grades.



Junior Novels



Home Free is a "Gutsy Girl" novel about an aspiring writer who finds out that unlike the stories that she had read, e.g. Anne of Green Gables and others, orphans were not to be envied for their apparent freedom from parents.

Finalist for the 2009 Governor General's Award for Children's Literature

Finalist for the 2010 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award

Connecting the Dots – the story of Cassandra is a companion to *Home Free*.

Presentation Options

Sharon offers a lively and interactive session for kids of all ages. By explaining the stories behind the stories, Sharon demonstrates that everyone has a story to tell, and she offers helpful hints on how to make those manuscripts as strong as possible.

In presentations to adults, she is often willing to tailor a presentation to any given need; e.g. about the creative process, about bringing children and books together, about encouraging children to become writers.

Visit Sharon Jennings' website for more details: www.sharonjennings.ca