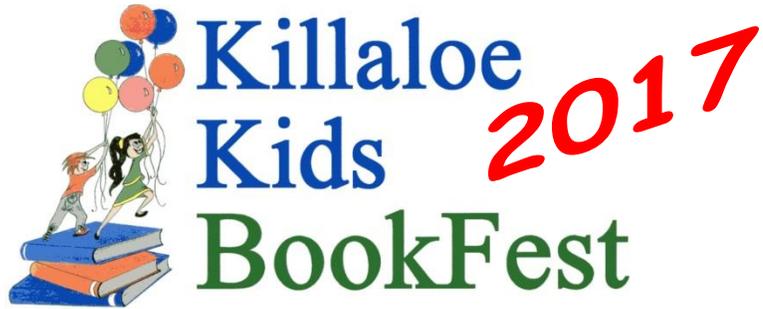
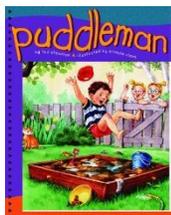


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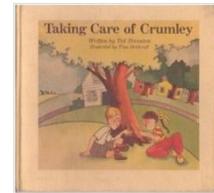
Award winning author of over forty books and trained as a teacher, Ted is a speaker, performer, and workshop leader in schools, libraries and other venues. He teaches the *Writing Children's Fiction* courses at George Brown College and plays in the Maple Leaf Champions Jug Band.

Picture Books (preschool to grade 3)



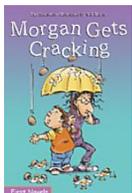
Puddleman (1983) illustrated by Maryann Kovalski; (revised 1988 illustrated by Brenda Clark) When Michael fills his sandbox with water one morning and then jumps right in, Puddleman is born. But when Puddleman yearns for a peanut butter sandwich, he discovers that Michael's mother won't feed muddy monsters. This is an endearing story for young readers who love playing in the mud and who also like peanut butter sandwiches.

Taking Care of Crumley (1984) illustrated by Tina Holdcroft
This book explores the all too familiar childhood trauma of being the target of a bully. Cyril is in the wrong place at the wrong time and becomes the victim of Augey Crumley. With the aid of Maggie, the Greenapple Street genius, Cyril ultimately "takes care of" Crumley in a humorous fashion. Mr Staunton revives the key characters in later chapter books for reluctant readers – see *Maggie and Me*, below.



Beginner and Reluctant Readers

Morgan Series, illustrated by Bill Slavin: stories primarily about relationships and related lessons, featuring brash Morgan, Aldeen the "Queen of Mean", and numerous classmates and friends.



Morgan Gets Cracking (2012)
Morgan doesn't like the new kid, Curtis, who can juggle, do karate and play guitar, and loves to brag about it. But some of the kids in his class are impressed, especially when Curtis teases Aldeen, who isn't even mean back! Does Aldeen actually *like* Curtis? A game of egg toss at a neighbourhood party shows how Aldeen really feels. Who do you think ends up with egg on his face?

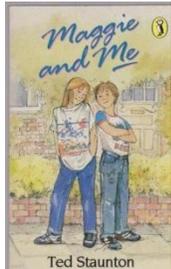
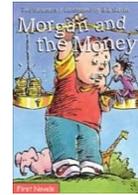
Morgan's Got Game (2014)

Morgan is out of the loop when everyone at school brings their Game Wizards to school, linking up online with one another and playing at recess and lunch. Finally Morgan obtains a Game Wizzard, but learns that sometimes gaming is more trouble than it's worth. When Aldeen joins the gaming crew with her own player he faces a tough decision. Should he pull the plug about Aldeen's fake Game Wizard, or game on and leave her behind?



Morgan and the Money (2012)

Morgan thinks he knows who stole the money from the teacher’s desk. Should he tell? This is the story of a boy who struggles with the truth, and finds that things aren’t always what they seem to be.



Maggie and Me (1990)

Each of the five chapters in this book portrays a different event involving Maggie, Cyril, and their classmates. A humorous tone runs throughout the stories as readers meet various children typical of any classroom: some bossy, some bullies, some leaders (Maggie), and some followers (Cyril). This mild-mannered book with lots of dialogue and action will appeal to young readers, and children will want to read other stories in the series: *Taking Care of Crumley* (1984), *Greenapple Street Blues* (1987), *Mushmouth and the Marvel* (1988), *Great Minds Think Alike* (1989), and *Taking the Long Way Home* (1992).

High Action, Low Reading Skill

Bounced (January, 2017)

Thirteen-year-old Duncan wants to be a crime detective like the ones in the *World's Best 100 Detective Stories*, which he reads when he should be studying. Fortunately, he gets something to detect, leading him through twists and turns and laugh-out-loud adventures. This fast-paced romp is loosely based on a true story from Texas in the early 2000s.

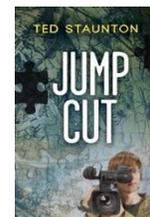


Ace's Basement (2013)

Following the demise of his first band, Ace has started a duo called *Two* with Lisa. Denny, Ace's friend, tries to help out by creating the ultimate music video. As a joke, Denny puts together a *Two* video capturing all of the embarrassing moments. The video gets posted on YouTube, and Lisa and Ace find themselves starring in the latest viral comedic but humiliating video.

Jump Cut (2012)

Spencer’s late grandfather’s will reveals the tasks he wants his grandson to do: film a kiss from an ancient movie star, Gloria Lorraine. Gloria has big plans that involve her granddaughter, a gun, a baker who might be a gangster, some real gangsters and a road trip to Nowheresville, Ontario. After being shot at, jumping into an icy lake and confronting some angry bikers, Spencer finally realizes that real life can be as exciting (and dangerous) as reel life.



Note: Ted Staunton collaborated with other authors to produce the “Seven” series. This adventure in Seven #3 started in *Speed*, part of The Seven Prequels and continued in *Coda*, part of The Seven Sequels.

School Presentations

Ted presents about the creative process: where stories come from and how they become books. In age-appropriate context he tells starter anecdotes, reads, leads imagining activities, and shares manuscripts, editor’s comments, and artwork to show how many people contribute to a project and how ideas change. Q&A time follows, sometimes with a little music. Additional possibilities may be individual sessions on storyboarding, defining character, and fun with language sounds and sense.