

Star Donovan

Children's author at

Troy, NY, US

Star Donovan is the author of a children's series, Gappy and the Young Vampire Adventures, for readers 8-12 and the young at heart.

Biography

Star Donovan has been writing stories, ever since she can remember. She was born in England, grew up in South Africa, and first wrote about Gappy the Young Vampire for a school essay when she was 11 years old. When she grew up, she used to tell Gappy tales to her two daughters. Star now lives in the States with her husband, three cats, and a woodchuck in the back yard. She never, ever kills spiders and loves bats. She still reads children's books and often wishes real life were as interesting as the world of make-believe. Her education includes a Masters of Social Work from the State University of New York at Albany. Publication of the Gappy book series began in 2008, with approximately two volumes appearing each year. Star Donovan is contemplating gearing up to work on the seventh book of the Young Vampire Adventures, Gappy in Disguise. She welcomes the opportunity to visit schools, scout troops, etc. to share her love of reading and writing fantasy.

Availability

Workshop, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Fiction, Children's Books, Children, Author, Creative Writing

Affiliations

Institute of Children's Literature, Capital District Paralegal Association

Sample Talks

Visiting children's author, Star Donovan

Reasons/purposes for writing. How did I come up with my book character? How to look for/come up with things to write about. Overcoming writer's block/feeling overwhelmed. The joy of writing/reading. What every story needs - a beginning, middle, and end, with an interesting character who overcomes a challenge or changes in some way. Outline vs no outline. Answer questions from children. I find children are more interested and engaged if they have read at least the first book in the series.

Event Appearances

Visiting Author, Star Donovan

Visit with Star Donovan, Author of Gappy and the Young Vampire Adventures

Guest children's author on the Schenectady Today TV show

Guest author of children's books, Star Donovan

Education

Institute of Children's Literature

Diploma in children's writing Writing Children's literature

Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York

Bachelor of Science Individual Studies Individual studies with emphasis on Psychology and Writing

State University of New York at Albany

Masters in Social Work Social Work

Sage Colleges, Albany, New York

Bachelor of Arts Psychology Psychology

American Career School, Albany, New York

Certificate in Paralegal Studies Paralegal Studies

Accomplishments

Children's Author

Published series of exciting children's books, Gappy and the Young Vampire Adventures.

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