

Debbie Dadey was born on May 18 and grew up in Henderson, Kentucky. She grew up water-skiing on the Ohio River. In fact, she was top 'man' on the six man pyramid in the Henderson Boat and Ski Club Show.

Debbie was a first-grade teacher and librarian before moving with her husband to Texas, where she starting writing full time. But it was before her move to Texas, while teaching in Lexington, Kentucky, that a bad day brought about the idea for her first book *VAMPIRES DON'T WEAR POLKA DOTS*, which she co-authored with Marcia Jones. That first book launched into a best-selling series, *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* books.

Debbie moved with her husband to California, Illinois, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and now New Hampshire. They have three children and two dogs, Carmen and Blue. Debbie likes to read, write, play with her grandchildren and volunteer.

Debbie has published 182 books aimed at reluctant readers and is well known as a co-author of chapter book series including: *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids*, *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids Jr. Chapter Books*, *The Keyholders*, and *Ghostville Elementary*. Debbie is the author of several series, such as the multicultural *Mermaid Tales* from Simon and Schuster.



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Debbie is also on BlueSky



Book List (page one)

The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids (Scholastic)

1. Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots:
Children's Choice Award
2. Werewolves Don't Go To Summer Camp
3. Santa Claus Doesn't Mop Floors
4. Leprechauns Don't Play Basketball
5. Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips
6. Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias
7. Aliens Don't Wear Braces
8. Genies Don't Ride Bicycles
9. Pirates Don't Wear Pink Sun Glasses
10. Witches Don't Do Backflips
11. Skeletons Don't Play Tubas
12. Cupid Doesn't Flip Hamburgers
13. Gremlins Don't Chew Bubblegum
14. Monsters Don't Scuba Dive
15. Zombies Don't Play Soccer
16. Dracula Doesn't Drink Lemonade
17. Elves Don't Wear Hard Hats
18. Martians Don't Take Temperatures
19. Gargoyles Don't Drive School Buses
20. Wizards Don't Need Computers:
Elba Award Winner
21. Mummies Don't Coach Softball
22. Cyclops Doesn't Roller Skate
23. Angels Don't Know Karate
24. Dragons Don't Cook Pizza
25. Bigfoot Doesn't Square Dance
26. Mermaids Don't Run Track
27. Bogeymen Don't Play Football
28. Unicorns Don't Give Sleigh Rides
29. Knights Don't Teach Piano
30. Hercules Doesn't Pull Teeth
31. Ghouls Don't Scoop Ice Cream
32. Phantoms Don't Drive Sports Cars
33. Giants Don't Go Snowboarding
34. Frankenstein Doesn't Slam Hockey Pucks
35. Trolls Don't Ride Roller Coasters

36. Wolfmen Don't Hula Dance
37. Goblins Don't Play Video Games
38. Ninjas Don't Bake Pumpkin Pies
39. Dracula Doesn't Rock and Roll
40. The Bride of Frankenstein Doesn't Bake Cookies
41. Sea Monsters Don't Ride Motorcycles
42. Robots Don't Catch Chicken Pox
43. Vikings Don't Wear Wrestling Belts
44. Ghosts Don't Ride Wild Horses
45. Wizards Don't Wear Graduation Gowns
46. Sea Serpents Don't Juggle Water Balloons
47. Frankenstein Doesn't Start Food Fights
48. Dracula Doesn't Play Kickball
49. Werewolves Don't Run for President
50. Abominable Snowmen Don't Roast Marshmallows
51. Dragon's Don't Throw Snowballs

Special: Aliens Don't Carve Jack-O-Lanterns

Special: Swamp Monsters Don't Chase Wild Turkeys

Special: Mrs. Claus Doesn't Climb Telephone Poles

Special: Leprechauns Don't Play Fetch

Special: Ogres Don't Hunt Easter Eggs

Super Special #1 Mrs. Jeepers is Missing

Super Special #2 Mrs. Jeepers' Batty Vacation

Super Special #3 Mrs. Jeepers' Secret Cave

Super Special #4 Mrs. Jeepers in Outer Space

Super Special #5 Mrs. Jeepers' Monster Class Trip

Super Special #6 Mrs. Jeepers on Vampire Island

Super Special #7 Mrs. Jeepers Scariest Halloween Ever

Super Special #8 Mrs. Jeepers Creepy Christmas

The Bailey School Kids Joke Book

BSK Graphic Novels (Scholastic)

Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots

Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias

Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips

Dragons Don't Cook Pizza





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The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids

Jr. Chapter Books (Scholastic)

1. Ghosts DO Splash in Puddles
2. Reindeer DO Wear Striped Underwear
3. Cupid DOES Eat Chocolate Covered Snails
4. Pirates DO Ride Scooters
5. Dragons DO Eat Homework
6. Wizards DO Roast Turkeys
7. Vampires DO Hunt Marshmallow Bunnies
8. Cavemen DO Drive School Buses
9. Snow Monsters DO Drink Hot Chocolate

The Bailey City Monsters (Scholastic)

1. The Monsters Next Door
2. Howling at the Hauntlys'
3. Vampire Trouble
4. Kilmer's Pet Monster
5. Double Trouble Monsters
6. Spooky Spells
7. Vampire Baby
8. Snow Monster Mystery
9. Happy Boo Day

Super Special #1 Hauntly's Hairy Surprise

Triplet Trouble (Scholastic)

Triplet Trouble and the Runaway Reindeer
Triplet Trouble and the Red Heart Race
Triplet Trouble and the Field Day Disaster
Triplet Trouble and the Bicycle Race
Triplet Trouble and the Pizza Party
Triplet Trouble and the Talent Show Mess
Triplet Trouble and the Cookie Contest
Triplet Trouble and the Class Trip

Barkley's School for Dogs (Hyperion-Volo/Disney)

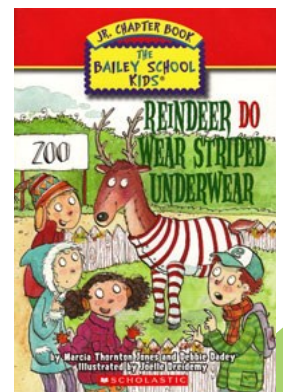
1. Playground Bully
2. Puppy Trouble
3. Top Dog
4. Ghost Dog
5. Snow Day
6. Sticks and Stones and Doggy Bones
7. Puppies on Parade
8. Buried Treasure
9. Blue-Ribbon Blues
10. Santa Dog
11. Tattle Tails
12. Puppy Love

Keyholders Series (Tor Books)

1. *This Side of Magic*
2. *The Other Side of Magic*
3. *Inside the Magic*
4. *The Wrong Side of Magic*

The Swamp Monster in Third Grade (Scholastic)

1. The Swamp Monster in Third Grade
2. Lizards in the Lunch Line
3. Trapped in the Principals Office
4. The Great Green Gator Graduation





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Ghostville Elementary (Scholastic)

1. Ghost Class
2. Ghost Game
3. New Ghoul in School
4. Happy Haunting!
5. Stage Fright
6. Happy Boo Day to You!
7. Hide-And-Spook
8. Ghosts Be Gone
9. Beware of the Blabbermouth
10. Class Trip to the Haunted House
11. The Treasure Hunt
12. Frights! Camera! Action!
13. Guys and Ghouls
14. Frighting Like Cats and Dogs
15. A Very Haunted Holiday
16. Red, White and Boo!
17. No Haunting Zone

Individual Titles

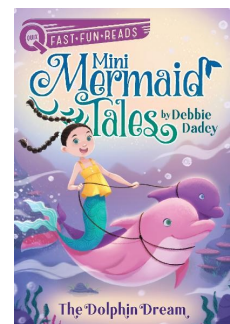
- Story Sparkers-now available as Writing for Kids The Ultimate guide ebook
- King of the Kooties (Walker) ebook
- Will Rogers: Larger Than Life (Walker) op now as ebook
- Shooting Star Annie Oakley The Legend (Walker) op now as ebook
- Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express Disney
- The Worst Name in Third Grade (Scholastic)
- Slime Wars (Scholastic)
- Slime Time (Scholastic) op
- Cherokee Sister (Delacorte) ebook
- Whistler's Hollow (Bloomsbury USA) op
- My Mom the Frog -op
- 6- Marty books and Bobby Books -op
Marty the Mudwrestler is an ebook

Mermaid Tales Series (Simon and Schuster)

1. Trouble at Trident Academy
2. Battle of the Best Friends
3. A Whale of a Tale
4. Danger at Trident Academy
5. The Lost Princess
6. The Secret Sea Horse
7. Dream of the Blue Turtle
8. Treasure in Trident City
9. A Royal Tea
10. A Tale of Two Sisters
11. The Polar Bear Express
12. Wish Upon a Starfish
13. The Crook and the Crown
14. Twist and Shout
15. Books vs Looks
16. Flower Girl Dreams
17. Ready, Set, Goal!
18. Fairy Chase
19. The Narwhal Problem
20. The Winter Princess
21. Sleepover at the Haunted Museum 2021
22. Coming 2022

Mini Mermaid Tales (Simon and Schuster)

1. The Friendship Wish
2. The Dolphin Dream
3. The Princess Promise



Book Orders

For students, one of the most exciting aspects of an author visit is the opportunity to have a real live author sign a copy of their book. It is therefore important that you have books available for both before and on the day of the visit. The best option is to work with a local bookstore and let them do the work! Other options are below:

To order Debbie's Scholastic books, schools and libraries can call 1-800-724-2222 and choose menu option 4. If you need a quote, call 1-800-387-1437. Scholastic offers a special 40% discount for books ordered in preparation for, or for sale during, author visits to schools and libraries. Also, Scholastic waives the freight charges for these orders. Free returns on like new books. When you call, make sure you tell our customer service department that your order is for an author/illustrator visit. Make sure that you let them know the date of your visit as well. Please be sure to order books well in advance of the visit. Depending on the nature of your visit, it is advisable to set a delivery date 3-5 days prior to the visit. Ordering at least two weeks in advance is recommended and most deliveries take 7-10 days.

If you'd like to coordinate Debbie's visit through Simon and Schuster, including the ordering of books, fill out the request at https://www.simonandschuster.biz/author_appearance_request or contact Elizabeth Worthy via eventrequests@simonandschuster.com.



Author Visits

Debbie Dadey's lively school presentations encourage student participation and questions. Mrs. Dadey's programs vary with the size and age of the audience and range from using puppets to group story writing. With older students, she also likes to include her five-step writing process. She does a maximum of three thirty to sixty minute presentations. Mrs. Dadey is happy to sign books between sessions. For her age appropriate school presentations, complete with pre and post activities, please see www.debbiedadey.com/events/scheduling.

Presentations for adults include:

Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots –suitable for grades two through adult, for large or small groups. This is the story of how her writing career began and how she became the author of over one hundred thirty books. This includes how she works with a co-author, illustrator, and editor, as well as the writing process. 46-60 minutes.

Collaboration –suitable for adults, for large or small groups. Debbie talks about working with a partner, including important do's and don'ts. 60 minutes.

Underwear: Using Humor –suitable for adults, for large or small groups. Debbie discussed the importance of humor in writing for children and how to do it. 60 minutes.

Dancing to Diversity –suitable for adults, for large or small groups. Debbie talks about the importance of diverse characters and why she strives toward soft diversity in her books. 60 minutes.

A to Z -suitable for adults, for large or small groups. This quick overview of publishing outlines how to get a children's book published. 60 minutes. Also available is **The Business of Writing** and **Five Steps to World Building**.

Playing tennis with Plot-suitable for adults, for large or small groups. This is a more in depth look at plot, the heart of a story. 60 minutes

Debbie Dadey does require a table or podium, PowerPoint projector, screen, and a glass of water. Presentations may require travel and an overnight stay, which is the responsibility of the hosting party. For a large group a microphone is needed. A set-up one sheet follows and more details are on Debbie's scheduling page.



Preparing for School Visits

There is no better way to make books come alive than by meeting the author. There are many ways to have a successful author visit. Please consider some of the following suggestions when hosting a visiting author.

- Welcome banners and signs placed in outdoor marquees, entrances and hallways.
- Make sure children and members have been exposed to the author's books. Students could make their own illustrations or stories to go along with the author's books. These should be displayed.
- Have a responsible person meet the author at the door and take her to the appropriate place. If parking is limited, designate a space for the author.
- Please don't keep the author waiting unnecessarily.
- If the author's talk is part of a written program, please include the author and a brief biography. Teachers should be present during the program.
- Please notify local papers, radios, and television stations about the upcoming visit. This benefits everyone involved.
- If you enjoyed the visit, please recommend the author to another school or organization. More ideas are available at debbiedadey.com/events/scheduling.
- If a book signing is expected, please let the author know. A specified time period for certain grade levels is helpful in schools.
- If there is something you'd like the author to discuss, please let her know in advance.



Frequently Asked Questions

How did you get the idea to start the Bailey School Kids series? Did it begin with just one book?

My first book was Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots. Marcia Jones and I got the idea for it because we had a very bad day in the school where we taught. The kids just didn't feel like doing their work. So, we wrote a story about a teacher with an unusual ability to keep the kids working. It did not start as part of a series. As a matter of fact, Scholastic didn't make it a series until we had six books!

Who is your favorite character in the Bailey School Kids series? The Mermaid Tales?

I have to admit that Eddie is one of my favorite characters, even though he can be a bit of a stinker sometimes. I still think underneath it all, he's a good kid. For the **Mermaid Tales**, I'll have to go with Shelly since I was into sports when I was a kid.

Who or what was your biggest influence in deciding to become a writer?

My grandmother, Lillie Mae Bailey, always kept a diary. I thought it magical that her thoughts were recorded for eternity. The **Bailey School Kids** series is named after her!

How long does it take to write a book?

It takes us different amounts of time to write different books. Marcia and I wrote Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots in two weeks, but Cherokee Sister took me eight years to write. Usually, it took about a month for Marcia and I to write a book together. But it took almost a year for it to get published!

What's the best way to start writing a book?

The best thing to think about when writing a book is to get your ideas on paper. Don't worry too much or you'll never get finished! Once it's done, you can go back and think about how to make the characters seem more real, how to make the dialogue sound better, and how to make the plot more interesting. But first get the idea down on paper. I start with an outline or plan.



Bringing Debbie Dadey's Books To Life

Debbie Dadey is coming to your school. Here are some 'mini' ways to have fun. Don't forget to check out her websites and her publishers' sites for more ideas.

- **Dress-up day.** Let each student dress up as their favorite character. Activities could include a parade and students could write about their character.
- **'Wax' museum.** The students dress as their favorite characters and attach a paper button to their costumes. Then invite other classes to the museum. When the other kids push their 'buttons' the wax students could recite a little bit about their character and their book.
- For *Never Give Up*, study the country of Hungary or invite a local scientist to your school.
- For *Pirates Don't Wear Pink Sunglasses*, the whole school could **wear pink paper sunglasses**.
- Have the kids line up outside the school for Debbie's arrival with signs and cheers. The local TV station loves this sort of thing.
- The whole school can have a **polka-dot day** for *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots*.
- Find someone to teach your students **how to throw a lasso**. This is a great way to introduce *Will Rogers Larger Than Life*.
- **Invite a Native American person** from your community to share items or stories from their culture to introduce *Cherokee Sister*. A local music store may have Cherokee music for you to share with your students.
- Younger students may enjoy bringing their **stuffed pet animals** for a 'dog show' to go along with *Kilmer's Pet Monster* or the *Barkley School for Dogs* books.
- Have a **mermaid or sea creature drawing contest**. Who can make the most original mermaid or creature for *Mermaid Tales*?

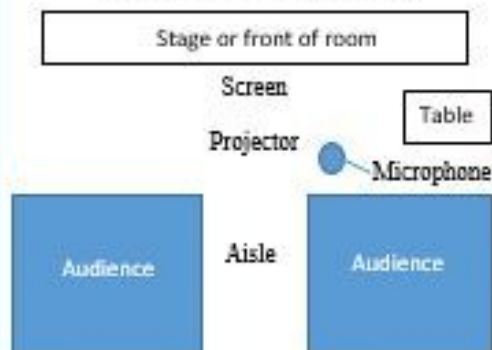


- Make up **your own tall tale** to go along with Shooting Star Annie Oakley The Legend.
- **Make cookies** to culminate The Bride of Frankenstein Doesn't Bake Cookies.
- Declare a **'kootie free' day**. Everyone must write or tell nice things about the people in their class. (King of the Kooties)
- Make a **Dracula Lemonade stand** for recess fun. (Dracula Doesn't Drink Pink Lemonade).
- Teaching **square dancing** is a fun tie-in to Bigfoot Doesn't Square Dance
- Have a **luau** at your school for Wolfmen Don't Hula Dance. Play fun music at lunchtime, dress in flowered shirts, learn about Hawaii, and maybe even take hula lessons!
- For Elves Don't Wear Hard Hats let your students **design the perfect playground**.
- For Mrs. Jeepers in Outer Space teach your students about the **space program**. If possible, contact NASA for their traveling exhibit or invite a former astronaut for a visit.
- For Angels Don't Know Karate **invite a local karate instructor** to your classroom for a demonstration.
- Have your own **mini field day** for Triplet Trouble and the Field Day Disaster.
- Don't forget to **learn about the 1800s** as you read the Ghostville Elementary series. How about having a classroom lesson just like they might have in the 1800s?
- Learn about planets and turn your classroom into a **mini planetarium** for Aliens Don't Wear Braces.
- Bring in a **dog trainer** showing dogs doing tricks for Barkley's School For Dogs.
- Have a **Scuba Instructor** bring in equipment and explain how it works for Monster's Don't Scuba Dive.
- Have a **local football hero** come and talk about his career for Bogeymen Don't Play Football.
- Select a Mermaid Tales book and do a study of the **sea creatures** in the story. All the Mermaid Tales books have complete units to accompany them.
- For The Polar Bear Express, try your hand at **writing poems**. Poetry cards are on Debbie's teaching page.



DEBBIE DADEY AUTHOR VISIT ONE SHEET

Set-up Map for Assemblies:



Equipment and Supply Needs:

- LCD projector, stand, and screen
- Microphone (cordless is nice)
- Table for display (small is fine)
 - Bottled water



A more detailed checklist may be found in the scheduling section of www.debbiedadey.com

Schedule:

Debbie will do a maximum of three 30-60 minute presentations to K-6th.

Invoice and Agreement:

Debbie will send an invoice for your records and an agreement for you to return upon booking the event. If you do not receive one, please contact Debbie.



Preparing Students:

Please book talk and read Debbie's books in advance of her visit. Circulate copies to teachers. Reproduce and share activities, units, and crafts from the teacher's page of my website. Students may like to ask questions on Kid's Talk or play games on the Kid's Club section of www.debbiedadey.com.

Videotaping:

No portion of the presentation may be video-taped without permission. Photos are welcome. Please share them on [www.Facebook.com/debbiedadey](https://www.facebook.com/debbiedadey).

Autographing books:

Debbie will autograph as many books as time allows. Please contact Debbie or visit her scheduling page for assistance in ordering any of her 168 books. www.indiebound.org is a great way to find a local bookseller.

Parking:

If parking is limited, please reserve a spot for Debbie. Let her know any special instructions for parking or arriving.

THANK YOU for encouraging literacy in your school and bringing books alive with an author visit! Debbie applauds you and looks forward to visiting your school.

