

5 KINDS OF NONFICTION

Enriching Reading and
Writing Instruction with
Children's Books

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Live and Virtual Presentations for Teachers, Librarians, and Writers



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Melissa Stewart has written more than 180 science books for children, including the ALA Notable *Feathers: Not Just for Flying*; the SCBWI Golden Kite Honor title *Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs*; and *Can an Aardvark Bark?*. In addition to developing the 5 Kinds of Nonfiction classification system, she edited the anthology *Nonfiction Writers Dig Deep: 50 Award-winning Authors Share the Secret of Engaging Writing*. Melissa maintains the award-winning blog **Celebrate Science** (celebratescience.blogspot.com) and serves on the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators board of advisors. Her highly regarded **website** (melissa-stewart.com) features a rich array of nonfiction writing resources.



Rethinking Your Book Collection

Audience: Public and school librarians

Time: 60 minutes

Most librarians chose their careers because they connect strongly with stories and storytelling. They gravitate toward fiction and narrative nonfiction (books that tell true stories) because it feels comfortable and familiar. And yet, studies show that 42 percent of elementary students prefer expository nonfiction (books that inform, explain, or describe). An additional 33 percent enjoy expository and narrative texts equally. It's critically important to curate collections that will appeal to all children. In this informative, high-energy session, award-winning children's nonfiction author Melissa Stewart breaks down the 5 Kinds of Nonfiction in children's books (four of which have an expository writing style), offers tips for collection development, and suggests small group, whole-class, and whole-school activities that highlight a broad range of nonfiction titles.



Enriching Reading and Writing Instruction with Children's Books

Audience: K-8 classroom teachers, literacy educators, school librarians, professors of literacy and children's literature, instructors of preservice teachers

Time: 120 minutes

Most educators currently center informational reading and writing lessons around all-about books—traditional nonfiction titles that provide a general overview of a broad topic. But these books are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the diverse array of children's nonfiction being published today. In this engaging, interactive session, award-winning children's nonfiction author Melissa Stewart introduces the 5 Kinds of Nonfiction classification system and provides participants with an opportunity to explore and sort books into each of the categories. Attendees will discover how each category is best used in a school setting and learn strategies for incorporating a broad assortment of nonfiction books into their existing curriculum.

5 Kinds of Nonfiction

Understanding the Children's Publishing Market

Active	Browseable	Traditional	Expository Literature	Narrative
Commercial Nonfiction			Literary Nonfiction	

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Audience: Writers, publishing professionals, educators

Time: 75 minutes

In recent years, most children's book publishers have been focused on acquiring narrative nonfiction, especially picture book biographies. But that's beginning to change. Agents and editors are currently becoming increasingly interested in manuscripts that branch out in new directions. In this lively presentation, award-winning author Melissa Stewart describes the characteristics of the five major nonfiction book categories being published today and explains how and where to pitch each type.

For more details about all of Melissa's educational workshops, visit
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