

# Rena Barron: School Visits

Ages: 8 - 18 (Grades: 3 - 12)

Rena Barron is the author of the middle grade series, *Maya And The Rising Dark*, and the young adult series *Kingdom Of Souls*. Hailing from Chicago, IL, Rena loves talking to students about the writing process, craft, world-building, book club discussions, and custom presentations.



## Sample Presentations

**The Core of Storytelling:** Myths, legends, folklore, and fairytales

**The Superhero Myth:** How every day kids are the heroes of their own stories

**The Art of Being Unique:** Why not fitting in is okay

**The Art of Worldbuilding:** Building a unique world one block at a time

**Maya and The Rising Dark:** How to face the big, the bad, and the scary



Rena offers two separate tracks for schools who would like to bring her in for a visit. For either track, we ask that a good faith effort be made to have the children read her book ahead of the presentation to facilitate open discussion.

## Book Track\*

Rena offers options to support a visit tied to book purchases. Her team is happy to provide marketing flyers to help promote the book at your school. Discounts are available for bulk purchases through her publishers. For *Maya and The Rising Dark*, please email [BooksandMediaOrders@hmhco.com](mailto:BooksandMediaOrders@hmhco.com).

**10-25 books:** 30 minutes Skype presentation

**26-50 books:** 1 hour Skype presentation (or two 30 minutes Skype presentations)

**51-100 books:** 2 in-person presentations (1 hour each)

**100+:** 2 in-person presentations, small group session, lunch (1 hour each)

\*Honorarium waived; travel fees still apply. See additional notes below.

## Honorarium Track

Rena also offers a second option with rates for her standard honorarium.

**Local full day:** \$1,500 (2 presentations, small group session, lunch, up to 2 hours travel)

**Local half day:** \$1,000 (2 presentations, up to 2 hour travel)

**Full day:** \$3,000 + Travel (2 presentations, small group session, lunch)

**Half day:** \$2,000 + Travel (2 presentations)

**Keynote speech:** \$5,000 + Travel

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## Biography

Rena Barron grew up in small-town Alabama where stories of magic and adventure sparked her imagination. After penning her first awful poem in middle school, she graduated to writing short stories and novels by high school. Rena loves all things science fiction, ghosts, and superheroes. When she's not writing, she can be found reading or brushing up on her French.

Follow her at @renathedreamer and renabarron.com.

## Additional Notes

For a full-day visit, no more than three presentations.

Available for lunch with students and/or teachers. Dietary restriction: Vegetarian

For a half-day, two presentations is the maximum allowed.

## Travel Expenses

Schools will also be responsible for the following expenses:

One (1) roundtrip airline ticket from Airport or mileage if Rena is driving. If necessary, hotel accommodation (which should be coordinated with Rena and her team before booking).

If the visit is an early start time, the school will be responsible for accommodation the night before (and possibly the night of the visit) if not located in Airport/City or nearby.

If necessary, school is also responsible for ground transportation from the hotel to school.

Travel and accommodations should be coordinated with Author/New Leaf Literary Agency and can all be booked and sent as an invoice beforehand so the school can write one check.

If local and more than 2 hours away, \$250 is required to cover the cost of travel up to 4 hours.

A formal contract will be sent upon booking. If you have any questions about booking Rena for a school visit, please reach out to Suzie Townsend at [suzie@newleafliterary.com](mailto:suzie@newleafliterary.com).

## Contact Information

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*Maya and The Rising Dark* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, May 2020)

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*Kingdom of Souls* (HarperCollins, September 2019)

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