

# **STORIES RULE THE WORLD - AUTHOR TOUR**

Alison, Karen, Natasha, and Lorna's presentations tie into the Alberta curriculum and are accessible to students of varying literacy levels.

To book a visit or for more information, please contact Natasha at <u>natashadeen@outlook.com</u>

## **Alison Hughes**

Alison Hughes writes for children of all ages. She won the Writers' Union of Canada Writing for Children Competition, and her books have been nominated for the Governor General's Literary Award, the Silver Birch, and many others. She shares her love of writing by giving lively presentations and workshops at schools and young-author conferences. She lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her family. For more information, visit alisonhughesbooks.com.

### Presentation Grades: K - 12

**Presentation Length:** 30 minutes for K-1 I 60 minutes for Grades 2-12 **Audience Size:** 30 for workshops, 100 for presentations (with some flexibility) **Half Day Fee:** \$300

### Karen Spafford Fitz

A former elementary and junior-high teacher, Karen Spafford-Fitz writes with the heart of an educator. Her five high-interest novels, including Unity Club and Push Back, appeal to even the most reluctant readers. Karen is also an energetic presenter whose sessions encourage students to turn their real-life experiences into compelling stories. When Karen is not presenting to students or writing in her Edmonton studio, she is often training for her next half marathon.

Presentation Grades: K - 12 Presentation Length: 60 minutes Audience Size: 30 for division 1 | 80 for divisions 2-4 Half Day Fee: \$350 + GST



### Natasha Deen

From dealing with racism and bullies, to defeating writer's block and grappling with edits, Natasha uses humour and her experience as a child of two nations to celebrate diversity, get kids excited about stories, and most of all, to get students excited about writing and telling *their* story. Her books have been nominated for the Alberta Readers' Choice Award, the Sunburst Award, and are part of the CCBC Best Pick for Kids & Teens lists. Visit her at natashadeen.com.

Presentation Grades: K-12, mixed grades (i.e., K-8 presentation), whole school presentations Presentation Length: 60 minutes I 30 minutes for K-1 Audience maximum: 500 (flexible) Half Day Fee: \$500 + GST

### Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Lorna has published over thirty books including picture books (Puckster series), middle grade fiction (sports novels), young adult fiction (Indigo, Podium and One-2-One series), as well as non-fiction sports titles. She presents to schools across Canada and speaks at many conferences. Lorna's presentations are lively and animated, and embrace her passion for sports and writing. She loves inspiring children to read and write. Her sessions cover a variety of topics including nonfiction, sports, mental health.

Presentation Grade: K-12 Presentation Length: 60 minutes | 30 minutes for K-1 Audience maximum: 150 Half Day Fee: \$350 + GST