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Curriculum Vitae

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PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

The Case of the Terrible T. Rex (Doyle and Fossey: Science Detectives), Book Six, Ages 8-11, Sterling, Sept. 2010. ISBN: 978-1-4027-4966-7. A series of adventures in which a young detective duo solve cases involving science and ecology. Corresponding experiments are included.

The Case of the Crooked Carnival (Doyle and Fossey: Science Detectives), Book Five, Ages 8-11, Sterling, June 2010, ISBN: 978-1-4027-4965-0.

The Case of the Barfy Birthday (Doyle and Fossey: Science Detectives), Book Four, Ages 8-11, Sterling, 2009, ISBN 0-525-47107-3.

The Case of the Graveyard Ghost (Doyle and Fossey: Science Detectives), Book Three, Ages 8-11, Sterling, 2009, ISBN 0-525-46893-5.

The Case of the Mossy Lake Monster (Doyle and Fossey: Science Detectives), Book Two, Ages 8-11, Sterling, 2009, ISBN 0-525-46815-3.

The Case of the Gasping Garbage (Doyle and Fossey: Science Detectives), Book One, Ages 8-11, Sterling 2009, ISBN 0-525-46657-6.

Voyage of Midnight, Ages 10+, Knopf, 2006, 0-440-41888-7 (PB). Caught between his lifelong desire for a family and the promise of a better life, and the shocking brutality he witnesses aboard his uncle's slave ship, Philip must open his eyes and decide for himself the true meaning of family, freedom, and humanity.

Voyage of Plunder, Ages 10+, Knopf, 2005, 0-440-41887-9 (PB), 978-0-307-54880-1 (ebook). After witnessing his father murdered by pirates, Daniel vows revenge. But nothing is that simple. Unprepared for the temptations of pirate life and for the captain's inexplicable kindness toward him, Daniel knows only thing for certain: one false step on a pirate ship could be deadly, and he'll do anything to stay alive.

Voyage of Ice, Ages 10+, Knopf, 2004, ISBN 978-0-307-54879-5 (ebook). Life on a whaling ship is very different from what Nick expected. He is mercilessly overworked by a

cruel captain and crew. And when an awful turn of fate leaves him stranded in the harsh Arctic winter, he must battle for his very survival.

To the Edge of the World, Ages 12+, Knopf, 2003, ISBN 978-0-307-43409-8 (ebook). Thrust into a harsh world when his parents die of the plague, Mateo embarks on a voyage of betrayal, survival, and ultimate triumph, as the cabin boy for Ferdinand Magellan.

Sisters Unto Death, Ages 12+, Royal Fireworks Press, 1999, ISBN 0-88092-371-7. In turn-of-the-century San Francisco, two sisters stumble across a hidden diary that reveals a terrifying secret, forcing them to flee for their lives.

Bottles of Eight and Pieces of Rum, Ages 8-12, Royal Fireworks Press, 1998, ISBN 0-88092-321-0. Kip Blakely travels through time to try and find his Aunt Isabel, only his search is put on hold when he finds himself aboard a pirate ship.

EDUCATION

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY, Lamoni, IA
Masters of Arts in Religion, 2006

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA
B. S. Microbiology and Immunology, 1988

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI), from 1996 to present.

Pacific Northwest Writers Association (PNWA), from 1995 to present.

Author's Guild, 2005 to present.

AWARDS & HONORS

The Case of the Barfy Birthday:

- ❑ Junior Library Guild Selection

The Case of the Graveyard Ghost:

- ❑ Junior Library Guild Selection
- ❑ 2005 Rhode Island State Book Award nominee

The Case of the Mossy Lake Monster:

- ❑ Junior Library Guild Selection

The Case of the Gasping Garbage:

- ❑ Included in 2009 READING STREET educational materials, grade 4, published by Pearson.
- ❑ Included in 2008 OPEN COURT READING PROGRAM educational materials, grade 4, published by SRA/McGraw-Hill.

Voyage of Midnight:

- ❑ Starred review, *Kirkus*, November 2006
- ❑ Listed on 2006 New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing
- ❑ Named one of the "Best Children's Books of the Year" by the Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College, 2006

Voyage of Plunder:

- ❑ 2007 Sakura Medal nominee
- ❑ 2008 Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award nominee
- ❑ 2007 WA State Book Award finalist
- ❑ 2001 winner of PNWA (Pacific Northwest Writers Association) literary contest

Voyage of Ice:

- ❑ 2007 Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award nominee
- ❑ '05-'06 Maine State Book Award nominee

To the Edge of the World:

- ❑ 2003 VOYA (Voices of Youth Advocates) Top Shelf Fiction for Middle Grade Readers
- ❑ Starred review, *Publisher's Weekly*, February 2003
- ❑ Junior Library Guild Selection
- ❑ Named one of the "Year's Best Children's Books" – San Francisco's Mercury News, 2003

Nominated for both the '05 and '06 Annual Thurber House Residency in Children's Literature.

Winner of PNWA Adult Non-Genre Novel literary contest (now known as the Zola Award) for the novel, *The Dreaming*, July '99.

Category judge for PNWA literary contest, July '03, '07.

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators), May '10, Portland OR: *The Query and Beyond; Writing That Sizzles; First Pages Panel*

Timberland Library All Staff Training Day (ASTD), Oct '08, Lacey, WA: *The Inside Scoop: An Author Tells All*

SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators), April '08, Seattle WA: *Savvy Conferencing: The Ins and Outs & Dos and Don'ts of Marketing Yourself at a Writing Conference*

PNWA (Pacific Northwest Writers Association) Conference, July '07, Seattle WA: *Researching the Novel*

RWA (Romance Writers of America), June '07, Silverdale WA: *Everything You Thought You Knew About Point-of-View, And More*

SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators), May '07, Portland OR: *The Query and Beyond*

SCBWI, March '07, Bellingham WA: *The Query and Beyond*

Write On the Beach, Jan. '07, Ocean Shores, WA: *To Market, To Market, and Everything You Thought You Knew About Point-of-View, And More*

SCBWI, March '06, Bellingham, WA: *Everything You Thought You Knew About Point-of-View, And More.*

WORD (Washington Organization for Reading Development) Sept. '05, Puyallup, WA: *The Inside Scoop: An Author Tells All*

PNWA Conference, July '05, Seattle WA: *Masters' Class: So, You Think You Want to Write for Children?*

SCBWI, Nov. '04, Seattle, WA: *Everything You Thought You Knew About Point-of-View, And More*

University of Washington, extension program on Children's Literature, Nov. '04 and '05, Seattle, WA: Informal discussion on how I generate ideas, develop plot, and generate suspense

PNWA Conference, July '04, Seattle WA: *Writing That Sizzles*

PNWA Conference, July '04, Seattle WA: *Children's Book Critique with Michele Torrey*

University of Washington, extension program on Children's Literature, May '04, Seattle,

WA: *Everything You Thought You Knew About Point-of-View, And More*

SCBWI, May '04, Wilsonville, OR: *Researching the Novel*

Write on the Sound, Oct. '03, Edmonds, WA: *Everything You Thought You Knew About Point-of-View, And More*

Regularly present at elementary and middle schools on how I got started writing, the “writer’s life,” and my creative process. Also conduct student workshops on how to create realistic dialogue. 2002 to present.

INTERVIEWS AND APPEARANCES

Guest on the talk-show, “Being in Seattle,” speaking about *Voyage of Midnight*, slavery, and the slave trade, in honor of Black History Month, February 25, 2007.

Featured in Seattle PI article titled “Hoist the tales: Washington author gives young readers seafaring yarns with grit,” February 3, 2007.

Interviewed live on NW Cable News, Seattle, WA, regarding *Voyage of Midnight*, February 2, 2007.

Feature interview on “Introspect Northwest,” focusing on *Voyage of Midnight*, broadcast on KMPS (94.1 FM) and KPTK (1090 AM) on January 6-7, 2007.

Featured in Aberdeen’s *The Daily World* Sunday paper “Profile” section, in article titled: “She Writes Adventures For Youth,” February 26, 2006.