

Program Options

Middle and High Schools:

School Assembly — 40 minute presentation called *10,000 Hours* with time for Q&A. Katie shares her personal writing journey and how it took her nearly ten years to become a published author.

Writing Lessons — 60 minute interactive lessons for smaller groups, focusing on a selected writing topic and tailored to each classroom's needs. Popular topics include coming up with story ideas, creating dynamic characters, and the process of revision.

Elementary Schools:

Picture Book Presentation — 30 minute sessions for individual classrooms. Katie shows young students how to use their imaginations to find stories everywhere.

Testimonials

"Katie Carroll's visit to our library had the kids talking for days. Her presentation was engaging and allowed for plenty of participation. She took the kids through a writing prompt that was just structured enough to keep the kids from becoming frustrated, but still gave them full creative reigns. She showed the kids that ideas for a story can come from anywhere. We were very lucky to have her."

~Kymberlee Powe
Children/Teen Librarian
Easton Public Library

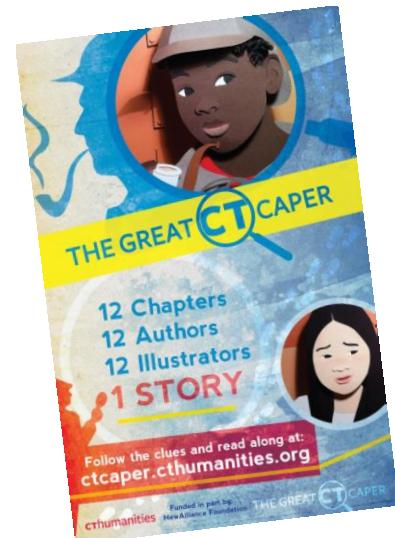
"Katie's presentation was lively and inspiring and I hope the children realize that they can write if they stick to it."

~Geralyn Sale
Grade 4 Reading Teacher
Ferrara Elementary School

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Biography



Katie was born and raised in the small city of Milford, CT. She grew up writing, but it wasn't until her 16-year-old sister, Kylene, passed away unexpectedly that she considered writing for a career. At the time, Katie was 19 and a sophomore at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. She began writing her young adult fantasy *Elixir Bound* so Kylene could live on in the pages of a book.

Katie graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in English and a writing concentration. She still lives in Milford and is now raising her own family there with her husband. In addition to writing, Katie is a freelance editor and teacher of writing workshops for kids and adults.

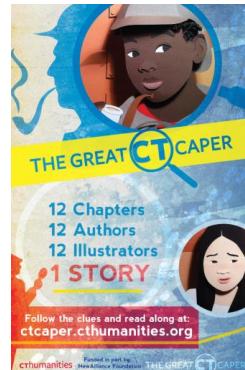
Books



ELIXIR BOUND

Young Adult Fantasy

Katora Kase is next in line to take over as guardian to a secret and powerful healing Elixir. Now she must journey into the wilds of Faway Forest to find the ingredient that gives the Elixir its potency. The forest hosts many dangers, including wicked beings who will stop at nothing to gain power, but the biggest danger Katora may face is whether or not to open up her heart to love.



THE GREAT CONNECTICUT CAPER

Middle Grade Mystery

Twelve Connecticut authors and illustrators collaborated to bring you this serialized mystery. Gillette Castle has vanished from its perch above the Connecticut River. Now it is up to sixth-grade sleuths Thomas and Li-Ming and tour-guide Norm to save it from the clutches of the evil Lady Hallow.

Fee Schedule

Local Visit (90-minute drive maximum):

~\$300 first presentation
~\$100 subsequent presentations (maximum total of 3 per day)

Travel Visit:

~\$300 first presentation
~\$100 subsequent presentations (maximum total of 3 per day)
~Plus cost of travel and hotel stay

Katie's rates are negotiable and may be shared among more than one school in the same area.