# School & Library Visits



Igniting in kids a hunger to read more, and the courage to write more.

#### **Assembly presentation:**

## Adventures with Books For groups of any size, grades 4-8.

Follows Julie's journey from reader to author, exploring where ideas come from, what all stories need, and how to brainstorm and begin stories of one's own. Featuring The Emperor's Ostrich and The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place.

#### Workshop:

## Let's Make a Story! For groups of 4-50, ages 8 and up.

Follows "Adventures with Books." Hands-on creative writing workshops. Brainstorming, characterizing, plotting, and getting started. Guided worksheets help students plan a story, start to finish.

#### **Topical workshop:**

### Stretch Your Point of View

An illuminating series of progressive exercises to help students appreciate subjectivity, and the many factors that shape diverse points of view. Ages 11 and up.

#### **Young Adult Literature Presentations:**

## Speak Your Truth

An engrossing and personal journey through the themes and parallels in her internationally acclaimed young adult novels, All the Truth That's In Me and The Passion of Dolssa.

## Oh, It's a Lovely War

A musical journey through World War I and its impact on society, art and literature, based on Julie's newest novel, Lovely War, a love story told by Greek gods. Featuring original musical recordings, and ragtime piano performed by the author.

"The children were riveted. My class felt so inspired, they just wanted to go back to the classroom and write a story, right then and there. Of course I let them!"

> — Alyson Whatcott, 6th grade teacher, Merriam Elementary, Acton MA

"After Julie left, our school was buzzing. It's not easy to keep a room full of freshmen and sophomores engaged, but she did it, while impressing teachers with her ability to incorporate so much academic content. I only wish we had more time with her because she is such a wealth of knowledge. If you can get Julie Berry to visit your school, jump at the chance!"

> — Sherry McGowan, Teacher Librarian Granada High School, Livermore, CA









