

AUTHOR VISITS WITH KELLY STARLING LYONS

"I wanted to let you know how much our students and teachers enjoyed having you as our Writer-in-Residence. Your program was well received and we appreciated your professionalism, your energy, your expertise, and your desire to positively influence students. I was extremely impressed at how well our students responded to the methods you used to model the writing process. The proof was in their stories which they presented so proudly the last day you were with them. It was obvious that they had paid attention, followed your instructions, and internalized the writing process. I firmly believe that they will never forget this experience or you."

Terry Kokenes, Teacher



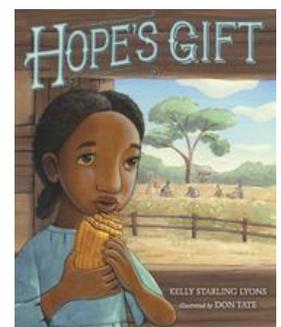
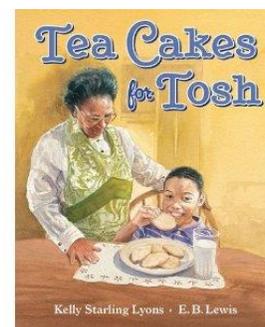
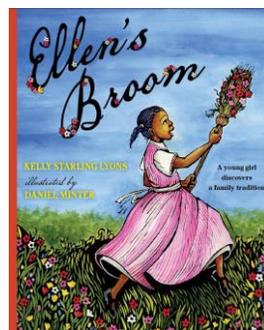
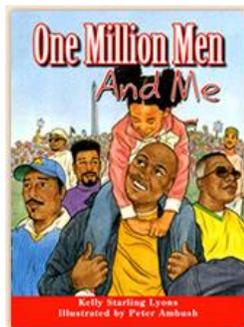
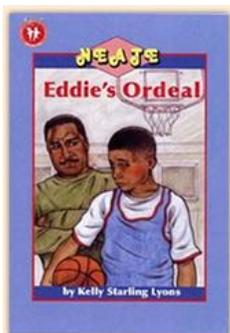
Teaching Artist

Children's Book Author

Multicultural Book Consultant

"Kelly Starling Lyons adapted her 'Bringing History to Life' program for our 4th and 5th graders. Her presentation was appropriate for the students and they were excited to meet a 'real author!' Her style was relaxed enough that the students felt free to ask questions not only about the history presented, but also about the writing process and about authors. She was great with her interactions and openly honest in her answers to their questions. We were pleased to see how she wove the writing process into her program. Students could relate to her writing experiences. We would love to have her visit again!"

**Beth Obenschain,
Teacher Librarian**



Kelly Starling Lyons is a children's book author whose mission is to transform moments, memories and history into stories of discovery. Her books include chapter book, *NEATE: Eddie's Ordeal*; CCBC Choices-honored picture book, *One Million Men and Me*; *Ellen's Broom*, a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book, Junior Library Guild and Bank Street Best selection; *Tea Cakes for Tosh*, a Notable Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies and winner of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Award for Juvenile Literature (sponsored by the NC AAUW) and *Hope's Gift*, an IRA/CBC Children's Choices selection and Storytelling World Award winner. Kelly is on the teaching artist roster of the United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County and the Arts & Sciences Council in Charlotte, NC. She regularly presents at schools, libraries, literary festivals and conferences.



PROGRAMS

Bringing History to Life: An Author's Journey

How many times have you heard kids groan about history lessons? In this multimedia workshop, students get plugged in. Kelly shows a slideshow of images and shares how history inspired her picture books. Then, she takes kids on an inspiring tour of her writing process from story idea to publication. She gives them a peek at her first draft, revisions and engages them in discussing why particular editorial decisions were made. The session ends with a freedom song or spiritual, reading and Q&A.

From Sit-Ins to Marches: Children & Civil Rights

In this interactive performance, students learn the history behind two of Kelly's books: NEATE: Eddie's Ordeal and One Million Men and Me. They see pictures featuring young people involved in the Civil Rights Movement and the Million Man March, explore the process of turning an idea into a finished book, learn a freedom song and participate in an interactive reading.

*** Great program for students before a trip to Washington, D.C.

Mine Your Life For Story Gold – A Writing Residency

In this five-day residency, Kelly uses the analogy of panning for gold to teach students that moments and memories offer inspiration for personal narratives. Through writing and discussion, students learn how to infuse their stories with heart, meaning, cohesion, voice and sensory detail. Through lessons on revision, they gain skills in strengthening and polishing their stories and giving constructive feedback to peers. The last day features readings and a celebration of the story each has written.

**For more information or to book a visit, please visit
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