

# LAURA PURDIE SALAS


## WRITING THE WORLD FOR KIDS



### About Laura

- Author of 120+ kids' books
- Awards: MN Book Award; NCTE Notables; Bank Street Best Books; & more
- Grade-level assemblies
- Classroom writing workshops
- Teacher workshops on poetry in the classroom
- Programs for libraries, reading councils, festivals, & more
- In-person and via Skype



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### Author Programs

When I taught 8th-grade, I wanted to make kids fall in love with reading and writing. I still do. I use humor, stories about my writing journey, props, interactive reading, and group writing to engage kids. I like to make them think about our cool world and the power of reading and writing in new ways.

~Laura

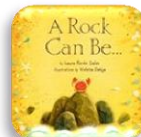


"Laura was very engaging and the students enjoyed listening to her. She did a great job involving the students and getting her message across."

--Sue Gorecki, *SW Minnesota Co-op*

"She 'gets' kids and found a way to reach even my most skeptical poets."

--Nicci Wood, *teacher*



### This Is the Book

She is the writer  
with dreams in her head  
who wrote them down  
so they could be read.

He is the editor  
who helps to choose  
which of the wonderful  
words to use.

She is the designer  
who plans on the look  
the words will have  
throughout the book.

He is the illustrator  
who creates the art  
that makes the words  
bloom in your heart.

She is the publisher  
who pays all the fees  
to print the book  
it hopes will please.

He is the buyer  
who orders the tale  
to put on display  
for loan or for sale.

And you are the reader—  
you browse the shelf.  
You look for new worlds  
but find yourself.

--Laura Purdie Salas from *BookSpeak!*



