



WRITING FOR CHILDREN: INSPIRATION TO PUBLICATION

Saturday, October 16, 2010

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Building A, Room 177, Walker Hall
Edison State College Lee Campus

8:30AM

**BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE
LOBBY.**

9:00AM

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LEE BENNETT HOPKINS, POET
Q&A**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LOIS LOWRY, AUTHOR
Q&A**

10:15AM

BREAK

10:30AM

**PANEL DISCUSSION:
LEE BENNETT HOPKINS
LOIS LOWRY
BRETT WRIGHT
MODERATOR: DAN ENGLAND**

12:00PM


**BOOK SIGNING WITH AUTHORS
AND MEET THE EDITOR!**

KEYNOTE: LEE BENNETT HOPKINS

IS FAMOUS FOR HIS WORK AS AN ANTHOLOGIST, AUTHOR, AND AVID PROMOTER OF BRINGING POETRY TO CHILDREN. HE HAS COMPILED MORE THAN 80 ANTHOLOGIES ON SUBJECTS INCLUDING ANIMALS, WEATHER, SCHOOL DAYS, SPORTS, HOLIDAYS, AND EMBARRASSING MOMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. HIS ANTHOLOGIES HAVE WON WIDESPREAD ACCLAIM FROM BOOK CRITICS. DRAWN TO SERIOUS POETRY RATHER THAN LIGHT VERSE, HOPKINS WANTS CHILDREN TO FEEL THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF POETRY. HE IS THE NAMESAKE AND FOUNDER OF LEE BENNETT HOPKINS AWARD FOR CHILDREN'S POETRY, AND LEE BENNETT HOPKINS PROMISING POET AWARD. HE HAS WON NUMEROUS AWARDS INCLUDING THE 2009 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH (NCTE) "EXCELLENCE IN POETRY FOR CHILDREN".

KEYNOTE: LOIS LOWRY

BORN IN HAWAII, LOWRY HAS LIVED ALL OVER THE WORLD AND NOW DIVIDES HER TIME BETWEEN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS AND A 1768 FARMHOUSE IN MAINE. HER LIST OF FICTION INCLUDES 35 BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. TWICE THE RECIPIENT OF THE NEWBERY MEDAL, LOWRY HAS RECEIVED COUNTLESS OTHER HONORS FOR HER WORK. IN RECENT YEARS SHE HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY, SPEAKING TO CHILDREN IN SPAIN, GERMANY, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, INDONESIA, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIA ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERATURE AND IMAGINATION. SHE IS A MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER AND HAS WORKED AS A PHOTOJOURNALIST AS WELL AS A WRITER OF FICTION.



PANELIST: BRETT WRIGHT

BRETT WRIGHT IS AN EDITOR WITH ABRAMS BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS AND AMULET BOOKS, TWO IMPRINTS OF ABRAMS BOOKS THAT PUBLISH A RANGE OF TITLES FROM PICTURE BOOKS TO YOUNG ADULT. HE IS CURRENTLY ACQUIRING AND INTERESTED IN MIDDLE GRADE FICTION, BOOKS WITH HUMOR, BOOKS FOR RELUCTANT READERS, CONTEMPORARY YA, POETRY AND SOME NONFICTION. HE HAS BEEN WITH ABRAMS FOR TWO YEARS AND LIVES IN NEW YORK, NY.

MODERATOR: DAN ENGLAND

DAN ENGLAND IS THE DIRECTOR OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT AT LEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING COALITION OF SWFL.

PANEL DISCUSSION & QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WITH LOIS LOWRY, LEE BENNETT HOPKINS, AND BRETT WRIGHT

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND BOTH AUTHORS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOOK SIGNINGS AFTER THE SEMINAR.

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