

**Elementary School Presentations**  
by Picture Book Author/Illustrator Bruce Arant  
**2015-2016 Golden Sower Award Nominee**

**Winner of the 2014 Nebraska Book Awards, Children's category, Cover/Design/Illustration category**

***Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!* selected to represent Nebraska at the 2015 National Book Festival**

Thank you for taking time to review the following information regarding a possible visit to your school. My presentations are tailored to age/grade groups from K-6. They generally last 45-60 minutes, but I can adjust according to class schedules (30 minutes to 1-1/2 hours). I offer the following formats:

**Picture Book Illustrating** This presentation provides students with a "behind the scenes" view of the processes of illustrating a picture book -- specifically, *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!* For the older grades (3-6), if time allows, I engage the kids in an exercise wherein they become the illustrators of a fun story. All grades are involved in a creative exercise that results in the drawing of a one-of-a-kind animal.

**Illustration Workshop** This presentation, geared to grades 3-6, covers simple but effective ways to depict emotions through drawing facial expressions -- an important aspect of picture book illustration and fun for grade-schoolers to learn. (A minimum of 45 minutes is suggested for this workshop.)

**4th-Grade Writing Workshop** This presentation addresses structural elements of a story -- beginning, middle and end, as well as the use of "stretching tools" to help make text more interesting. Throughout the presentation, I use the text and illustrations from a story I wrote, to help bring structural writing elements to life. Students also engage in a writing and illustrating exercise. (1 hour suggested)

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