

DIANA RENN ... YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR

DIANA RENN is the author of three young adult novels published by Viking/Penguin, and the Fiction Editor at YARN (Young Adult Review Network), an award-winning online magazine featuring short-form writing for teens. She is also an experienced teacher and presenter who would love to come visit your classroom, book club or library – either in person or virtually!

Diana's novels are TOKYO HEIST (2012), LATITUDE ZERO (2014), and BLUE VOYAGE (2015). The books are stand-alone mysteries set in other countries (Japan, Ecuador, and Turkey) and feature strong female sleuths. They are marketed for grade 7 and up, but are appropriate for younger readers too due to their refreshing lack of strong language, sexual content, and graphic violence. [You can learn more about her books on her website: www.DianaRennBooks.com.](http://www.DianaRennBooks.com)

AUTHOR TALKS AND WRITING WORKSHOPS

Diana is a talented public speaker who can tailor her author talks and writing workshops to complement teachers' classroom goals. She has taught writing, literature, and English as a Second Language in the Boston area and in South America. Diana's presentations are dynamic and engaging, and she connects well with young people. Here are some of Diana's most popular topics. Please visit her website for more detailed descriptions.

- **A Book's Voyage.** Diana will explain how an idea can turn into a book. She will also discuss the process of revising and editing, marketing books, and what an author's life is like.
- **A Story's Voyage.** This discussion focuses more on the writing process.
- **Gearing up to Write: Ideas and Inspiration.** Where do ideas come from? How do you know if your idea is a "good" one? Fun brainstorming activities!
- **Write What you DON'T Know: Researching a Book.** Diana's novels are meticulously researched and cover a wide range of topics. Using examples from her work, she will share her research process.
- **Demystifying Mysteries.** This discussion covers the craft of mystery writing, hitting the basic elements: sleuths, crimes, alibis, red herrings, and, of course, carefully planted clues.
- **Writing about Places.** Diana's novels sweep readers away to exotic locales. She also sets some scenes closer to home. She'll share some of her tools for descriptive writing that create a strong sense of place.
- **Author Q&A.** Diana is available to answer questions about any of her books or about the writing life. This format is best suited for her free 20-30 minutes virtual classroom visits or for book clubs.

FEES: A list of Diana's school visit fees is available upon request. Fees may be negotiable depending on the particular circumstances of your school, and virtual classroom visits up to 30 minutes are ALWAYS free.

BOOKING: For more information about Diana's topics or fees, or to request an in-person or virtual visit from Diana, please contact Melinda Quick at penguinauthorvisits@gmail.com.