

Kimberly Dana Award-Winning Author

K-12 Author Presentations

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About Kimberly

Featured on NBC's *More at Midday*, Kimberly Dana is a multi-award-winning author and teacher. She is published by the National Council of Teachers of English, *Parenthood*, *About Families*, *Your Teen*, and the recipient of several writing honors from *Writers Digest*, Reader Views, the Pacific Northwest Writes Association, and various international book festivals.

Kimberly's most recent books include her YA thriller, *Cheerage Fearage*, middle grade novel *Lucy and CeCee's How to Survive (and Thrive) in Middle School*, and the delightful picture book, *Pretty Dolls*, awarded Best Children's Book of the Year by Reader Views and Character Building Counts. A lover of photography and experimental cooking, Kimberly lives in Nashville with her husband and spoiled Shih Tzu.

Classroom Presentations

All visits include a K-12 PowerPoint presentation tailored specifically for students from elementary to high school. Kimberly will talk about herself, her writing ups and downs, and tips for becoming the best writer possible. Presentation includes live readings from her books and a follow-up Q&A session. Teachers will then have an option for a literacy or character education mini-lesson.



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Author Visit Testimonials

"Our students enjoyed having Mrs. Dana as a guest speaker. They were engaged and eager to ask her questions about her work. She inspired the writer in all of them!" *Cicely Woodard, 8th Grade Teacher, Rose Park Magnet School*

"I thoroughly enjoyed having author Kimberly Dana read at East Side Story bookstore to read her original works in front of a group of home-schooled students. She was such a natural at showing the story's pictures to the children while at the same time making it very easy and fun for the kids to follow along with her heartfelt messages found in 'Pretty Dolls' about bullies and lessons about growing up in general. I am honored to promote and sell Dana's work, and am already planning our next reading at the bookstore!" *Chuck Beard, Owner of East Side Story Bookstore*

"Kimberly Dana visited my school. I really liked her inspiration to write books and how she writes about everyday life problems. And I loved the book. It really helped me understand why people do bad/wrong things to you. And how to face it. Thanks so much." *Lizeth, 7th Grade Student, Rose Park Magnet School*

"You're my favorite author! Lucy and CeCee's How to Survive is AMAZING!" *Brittany, 6th Grade Student, Rose Park Magnet School*

"Kimberly Dana was the perfect speaker to launch our series focused on empowering women. She is well versed and her enthusiasm for sharing what she has learned really comes out when she is speaking." *Kristie M. Holmes, The Iris Compass Foundation, Inc.*

"I highly enjoyed working with Kimberly Dana at the Southern Festival of Books this past year. She is great at engaging an audience while also offering insightful advice about the literary world to aspiring writers of all ages." *Courtney Morgan, Panel Host - Southern Festival of Books*

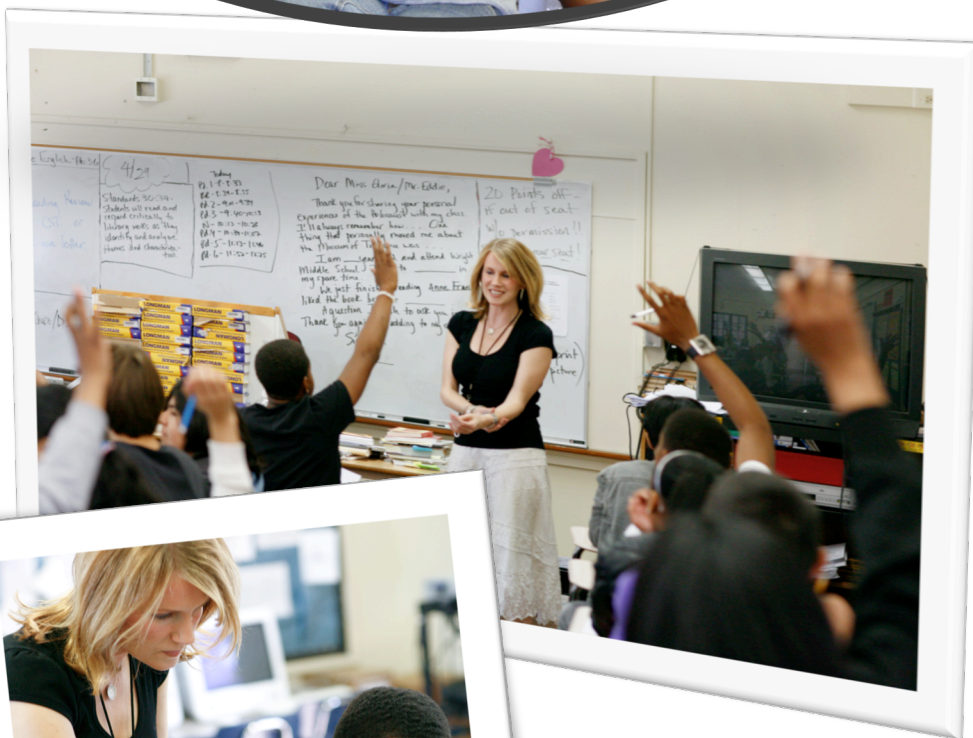
"The activity was very engaging and your story was great. Very inspirational." *Reena Paul, 5th Grade Teacher, Tampa Palms Elementary School*

"Great job! You appealed to all students' interests." *Allison Scribellito, 5th Grade Teacher, Tampa Palms Elementary School*

"The students loved the character paper/drawing. They also connected when they saw Gracie (doll). The students loved it and we really enjoyed reading Pretty Dolls." *Debi Potts, 3rd Grade Teacher, Tampa Palms Elementary School*

"Kimberly Dana has a true understanding of a fifth grader's mind; they relate to her because she relates to them!" *Megan Boghosian, 5th Grade Teacher, Tampa Palms Elementary School*

"The kids really enjoyed the presentation! They were engaged and laughed the whole time." *Tiffany Phillips, 3rd Grade Teacher, Tampa Palms Elementary School*



Award-Winning Books
By
Kimberly Dana

Pretty Dolls

Best Children's Book of
the Year – Reader Views

Best Children's Book of
the Year – Character
Building Counts

E.P.I.C. Literary Contest
Picture Book Finalist

Pacific Northwest
Literary Contest
Picture Book Finalist



Lucy and CeCee's How
to Survive (and Thrive)
in Middle School

Editor's Choice Award

Rising Star Award

Young Adult Teen Book
Honorable Mention
San Francisco Book
Festival

Young Adult Teen Book
Honorable Mention
New York Book Festival



Cheerage Fearage

Young Adult Honorable
Mention
Writers Digest

Young Adult Teen Book
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New York Festival of
Books

Young Adult Bronze
Winner
Readers Favorite





Pretty Dolls

It's a pretty doll's world as beautiful Emily-Nicole, Lilly-Kate, and Chloë-Anne perch on the tippy top bookcase shelf in little Tasha's bedroom day after day. Yet it's Gracie, the purple-eyed, one-armed, spiky haired doll who's won the snuggly arms and heart of Tasha. Only Emily-Nicole will have none of it. Little does Tasha know that when the lights go out in her room, the doll wars begin....PRETTY DOLLS is a charming children's picture book that addresses the universal themes of jealousy, love, and friendship.

Tate Publishing, 2011



Reader Views' Winner – Best Children's Picture Book of 2012



Character Building Counts – Best Children's Book



Children's Book Finalist – Pacific Northwest Writers Association Literary Contest



E.P.I.C. Children's Book Finalist



Featured on Educational Websites: Storycub.org and TeachingBooks.net



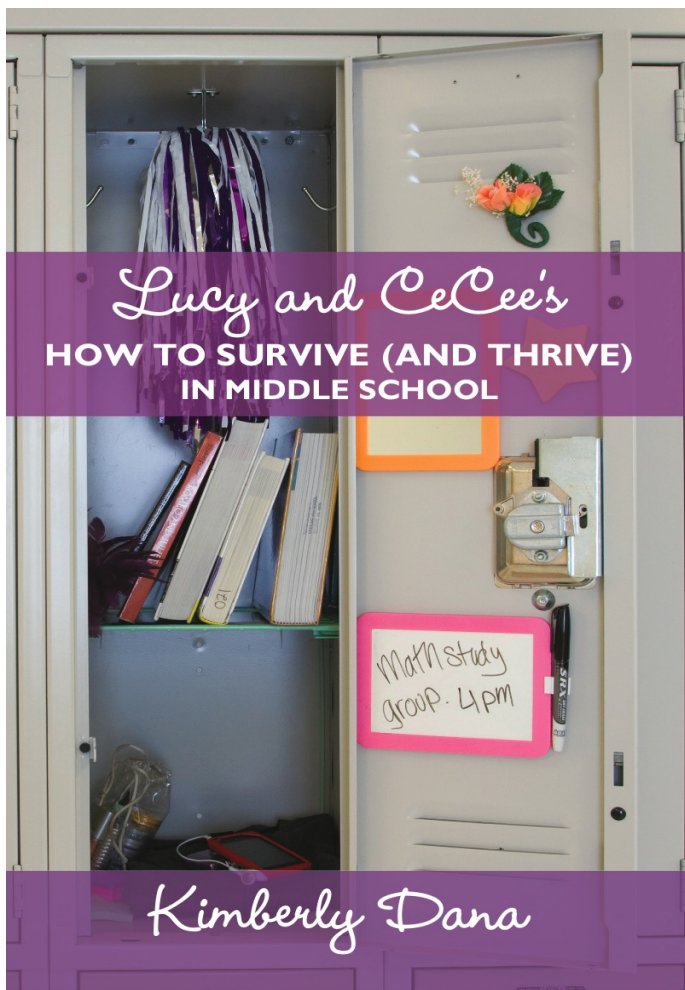
ISBN 978-1-6134-6416-8

Praise for *Pretty Dolls*

In Dana's debut picture book, one haughty doll learns that being pretty isn't everything. A positive read that encourages children to look beyond surface appearances when choosing their friends.
- *Kirkus Reviews*

Pretty Dolls is an award winning children's book...Gracie and Emily-Nicole become best friends as a surprise ending, teaching children to value friendship more than fear. - *Midwest Book Review*

[*Pretty Dolls*] is a story about kindness and discovering new friendships. The book offers a valuable and lovely message about what it means to be truly beautiful and about accepting others, even if they look a little different to us. Recommended. - *Blogcritics.org / Seattle Post Intelligencer*



Lucy and CeCee's
**HOW TO SURVIVE (AND THRIVE)
 IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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With plenty of humor and adventure, *Lucy and CeCee's How to Survive (and Thrive) in Middle School* is a strongly recommended addition to young adult fiction collections, not to be missed. - *Midwest Book Review*

Lucy and CeCee's How to Survive (and Thrive) in Middle School

A zany handbook is "written" by two seventh grade girls attending Madison Heights Middle School - spry, outgoing, boy-crazy Lucy Pringle and shy, studious, bespectacled CeCee Cruz. Laced with diary entries of their own daily escapades regarding skater slacker boyfriend crushes, B.F.F. shopping trips to the mall, and B.E.E. (Bitter Eternal Enemies) text wars, the tween tell-all rings true about the netherworld of middle school in all its gory glory. Students will love Lucy and CeCee's interactive website at <http://lucyandcecee.com>.

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Editor's Choice Award, Rising Star Award



Young Adult Teen Book Honorable
 Mention – San Francisco Festival of Books



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 Mention – New York Festival of Books



Featured in *The Tennessean* (Centerpiece
 of Back to School Feature)



ISBN 978-1-4620-3966-1



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This is a very funny book that successfully uses comedy to offset the horror that is happening. It is very rare for a book to be able to be both funny and scary at the same time but Kimberly Dana has managed very well in "Cheerage Fearage". - *Readers Favorite*

This was a delightful read! Dana really has a talent for getting inside the head of teen girls. The voice is young and fresh and the pace moves quickly with lots of fun, quirky dialogue. So this is a soft horror story with a humorous twist. The story was intriguing enough to keep me reading throughout, and the ending was good, promising more to come in Book Two. - *Blogcritics.org*

Cheerage Fearage

It's ten years after a popular girl's bizarre death and the bloodthirsty pranks are going down at a hypnotic pace. Enter Tiki Tinklemeyer, an indentured servant to the geek label, who's thrown into the middle of camp mayhem. Peppered with humor and wit, teens and tweens will love this scary, fun first installment in the jaw-dropping mystical teen series, jam packed with chills and thrills that will leave no pimple ungoosed! Fire up for the hip, comical, and diabolically scary! Ready? O-kay!

Wild Child Publishing, 2012



Young Adult Book Honorable
Mention, *Writers Digest* Writing
Competition



Young Adult Teen E-Book
Honorable Mention – New York
Festival of Books



Young Adult Finalist Bronze Award –
Readers Favorite



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But while the girls' teachings are often amusing, what really makes Dana's book exceptional are the girls themselves....Lucy and CeCee's target audience may consist solely of tweens, but this is a book that can educate readers of any age. - *Kirkus Reviews*

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