Sarah’s nonfiction books for middle-grade readers include:

WHY'D THEY WEAR THAT?:
“The lively book covers an impressive variety of topics and themes, including battle garb, functional clothing and passing fads, including 14th-century cone-shaped headdresses and early-20th-century hobble skirts.”
—Washington Post
“Best New Children’s Books”

BUGGED: HOW INSECTS CHANGED HISTORY
“Overall, this title is astonishing, disgusting, revolting, and ultimately fascinating, making it perfect for emerging entomologists, budding historians, reluctant readers, and gross-out junkies alike.”
—School Library Journal
(starred review)

POOP HAPPENED: A HISTORY OF THE WORLD FROM THE BOTTOM UP
“Descriptions of stinky 18th-century London and the plight of the great unwashed throughout time should leave readers grateful for their porcelain thrones and glad to have taken the down and dirty—but informative—journey.”
—Publishers Weekly

School Visit Pricing
For up to three presentations, lunch with students, and a book signing: $1200 per day.*

* Half-day visits available locally
* Block-booking, consecutive-day discounts available
* Travel expenses/accomodations apply for schools beyond a 1-hour drive from Watertown, CT. Please contact Sarah for details.

Library Visits
For one presentation plus signing: $500.
SAMPLE PRESENTATIONS

For grades K – 2 (30 – 45 mins):
Life of a Writer: a lively, interactive slide show that includes ideas, revision, and an interactive story reading including props and role playing.

For grades 2 -8 (grade-appropriate, 45 – 60 mins):
The Nonfiction Talk: a lively, interactive slide show that includes how to move from idea to research to outline to draft to revision, plus a discussion of craft, fun facts, and amusing stories. Includes kid volunteers, costumes, and props.

All ages (grade-appropriate)
Writing workshops: We explore elements of craft, including voice, structure, word choice, and mentor texts for both fiction and nonfiction.

Revved for Research:
A more in-depth, interactive presentation that helps kids appreciate the three-part process of reading/experiencing/talking to experts.

Sarah’s presentations are aligned with the College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language.

Testimonials from Educators:

“Sarah is a captivating speaker and a true professional who will tailor her programs to your needs.”

“The description of her sensory approach to research impressed me so much. Her ability to share how everyday events lead to stimulating intellectual research and writing gave the best picture of why it is a great life to be an academic person I can remember.”

“Sarah came on board as our professional author in residence for a week. She helped the students shape their stories and troubleshoot potential problems. Throughout the entire process, she offered useful advice and tips.”

“My kids were initially wowed by the topics of her books, but then they were charmed by the friendly, accessible love of writing (and the work which goes into it) which Sarah very clearly articulated.”