

Author Linda Stanek Bio:

Award-winning Ohio author Linda Stanek has a passion for writing, teaching, animals, and conservation. Her book, *Once Upon an Elephant* (Arbordale Publishing) won the 2017 Children's Choice Book Award's 3rd-4th grade Book of the Year. *Night Creepers* (Arbordale Publishing), about nocturnal and crepuscular animals, released in September, 2017. *Beco's Big Year: A Baby Elephant Turns One* (the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium) chronicles the first year of their youngest elephant's life. She worked as lead writer for a chapter of the text book, *Cheetahs, Biodiversity of the World: Conservation from Genes to Landscapes* (Academic Press) which releases in November 2017. Also in the works is a children's book titled, *Cheetah Dreams* (Arbordale Publishing), which releases in the fall of 2019. In addition to these books, she is the author of a grade-leveled, STEM-oriented comic book series, *Jasoon Sheeba and the Private Detectives*, issues 1-24, which releases in Pakistan in 2018. She is represented by Victoria A. Selvaggio of the Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency.

In addition to writing, Linda regularly speaks in schools, at conferences, and in zoo and wildlife centers.

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Children's Author with a passion for promoting literacy and conservation by helping young people connect with books. Experience in planning and presenting writing workshops, speaking to large groups of children and adults at libraries, literacy events, schools, conferences, and zoos. Fifteen-plus years in the publishing field, with work that includes writing for children, teachers, professionals in conservation, and nonprofits.

Public Speaking and Presenting

- **Speaker in Schools, K-12:** 2006-present. Frequent visitor to schools to discuss reading and writing with students, and to present story-times with children. Also conducts writing and illustration workshops with students.

- **Speaker at Events:**
 - Westshore Council IRA, "Teaching Conservation with Books," October 2017.
 - Louisville Zoo: Author Talk, "Book Worms," June 2017; July 2017.
 - Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Teacher's Continuing-Ed Workshop, 2016; 2017.
 - Ohio Educational Library Media Association, "Writing Around the Fire: Making Nonfiction Come Alive!" 2016.
 - Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, World Elephant Day, 2016.
 - Northern Ohio SCBWI Annual Conference, "Author Visits," 2013.
 - Small Museum Conference, Ocean City, Maryland, "Make it Fun! Using Puzzles to Engage, Teach, and Reinforce Learning," 2012.
 - Dublin Literacy Conference, "Make it Fun! Using Puzzles to Engage, Teach, and Reinforce Learning," 2012.
 - Clark County Young Authors Conference, 2011.
 - The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, conservation/book talk 2010.
 - Ohioana Book Festival, 2009.
 - Critique Groups," Central Ohio Writers of Literature for Children, 2007.
 - "Connecting with Authors Long-Distance," Michigan Association for Media in Education Conference, 2006.
 - Speaker in Libraries, 2006-present

Awards and Recommendations

- 2017 Children's Choice Book Awards, 3rd-4th grade Book of the Year
- Ohioana 2017 Book Award Finalist
- 2017-2018 Pennsylvania's Keystone to Reading Awards List, primary
- 2017-2018 Delaware Diamonds State Book List, K-2.
- National Science Teacher's Association Recommended Read

Writing and Editorial Background

- **Writing and Illustrating:** Professional writer for 15 years, with experience in book, magazine, newspaper, internet and business writing.
 - **Children’s Writing:** Author of five books with another in production, contributor to five other books, author of multiple magazine articles and crafts.
 - **Adult Writing:** Lead writer for chapter “Communicating the Conservation Message—Using Ambassador Cheetahs in Education” in textbook.
- **Moderator, Writing Workshop:** for zoo staff members including participants from Columbus, Cincinnati, and San Diego Zoos: workshop to produce initial draft of chapter, “Communicating the Conservation Message – Using Ambassador Cheetahs in Education.” October 2015.

Selected Publications:

- *Jasoosun Sheeba and the Private Detectives*, 24 issues, AZ Corp, 2018.
- *Cheetah Dreams*, Arbordale Publishing, 2018.
- *Cheetahs: Biology and Conservation: Biodiversity of the World: Conservation from Genes to Landscapes* co-author. Editor: Dr. Laurie Marker, Academic Press, 2017.
- *Night Creepers*, Arbordale Publishing, 2017.
- *Once Upon an Elephant*. Arbordale Publishing, 2016.
- *Beco’s Big Year: A Baby Elephant Turns One*. Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, 2010.
- Educator’s Guide for *Dog and Bear, Three to Get Ready* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, Junior Library Guild, 2009.
- Educator’s Guide for *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed* by Mo Willems, Junior Library Guild, 2009.
- Book review, *Redwoods* by Jason Chin, Junior Library Guild, 2009.
- *The Pig and Miss Prudence*. Star Bright Books, 2008.

Scientific Studies

- Authors, Literature, and Ambassador Animals in Schools: Conservation Impacts, 2018
- -2019.

Education: Bachelor of Science, The Ohio State University – Early and Middle Childhood Education.