

Author Bio Linda Ayers

Linda Ayers first knew she wanted to be a writer when she was in fifth grade. It was her love of reading that made her want to create her own stories and poems. It was much later when she finally decided to pursue her dream by following the advice to “write what you know”.

Her first book was a literature activity book for a new Texas state reading list (the 2x2 Reading List). It was natural for Linda to write a book of activities like those she had created for the children’s books she shared with students during her years as a classroom teacher and a librarian. The success of that first self-published book led to three more literature activity books published by Linworth, a leading educational publisher.

It did not lead to the publication of the children’s fiction and poetry she had been writing for years. So, Linda began her own publishing company, Blue Thistle Press, in order to produce books that kids would be eager to read and she would be eager to write.

She now has seven children’s titles, with plans for more in the future. The first two books in her middle grade fiction series, *The Time Bridge Travelers*, have been read by children throughout the United States as part of the Newspapers in Education program. *Children’s Bookwatch* called the series, “*outstanding and imaginatively written*”.

Linda has also written two easy readers, *Tiger Goes Collecting* and *Tiger Does the Write Thing*, as well as two books of humorous poetry: *My Pet Mosquito* and *There’s Something in My Sandwich*.

She brings her love of reading and writing to schools, tying it all together with a demonstration on a spinning wheel reminiscent of the one that serves as a time travel machine in *The Time Bridge Travelers* series. Then she ‘spins a yarn’ by telling a story from one of her books, and the kids are mesmerized.

Her enthusiasm for writing carries over into the classroom. As one librarian commented, “The kids are still talking about the visit and bringing me stories that they have written. It’s a joy to see them so excited about writing!”