

Conferences • Teacher In-Service

Newman's talks have been featured at several conferences, including the CSLA, Society of Children's Book Writers' & Illustrators (SCBWI); University of California, Davis; California State University, Sacramento; and Sacramento Area Librarians Organization (SALO); and published in *Children's Writer's and Illustrator's Market*.



Presentations include:

- Strengthening the Connection Between Author and Reader
- Children's Librarians Fuel the Imagination
- Writing for Magazines
- Secrets of the Perfect Interview
- 10 Truths About Writing for Children
- Mainstreaming the Graphic Novel
- So You Think You Want to Write for Children?
- First Page Manuscript Critiques

Praise for Newman's Books

Nugget on the Flight Deck

Eureka! Silver Honor Medal for Outstanding Nonfiction, California Reading Association

School Library Journal

"Although this book will have special appeal to the children of military families, anyone interested in planes will appreciate the high level of information provided in an attractive, accessible format."

Booklist

"A great introduction to fighter jets and aircraft carriers for young readers."

Jingle the Brass

Junior Library Guild Selection

Smithsonian National Museum of American History Activity Guide

The Horn Book

"Kids will come away with an appreciation for this bygone mode of transport and the colorful vocabulary used to describe it. Chesworth's watercolor and colored pencil illustrations ...have an inviting, kid-friendly quality. As number 417 streaks across the pages, readers will practically feel the wind blowing and hear the brass jingling."

ALA Booklinks

"outstanding literature lending [itself] to many classroom applications...This engaging picture book effectively shows how specific words are a joy to both the ear and the imagination."

Also recommended by *Booklist* :: *Kirkus Reviews* :: *School Library Journal* :: *Publishers Weekly*



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Writing Workshops

Newman shares her excitement for writing and inspires readers and writers of all ages to share their vision of the world.



Assemblies— Newman’s interactive question/answer style incorporates readings, skits and demonstrations to discuss the writing process, research, revision, publication and various curriculum concepts that mesh with her books. *all ages::45 minutes*

“I thought her presentation was fabulous and so on target to our writing program. Students [made] meaningful connections to her, her books, and her message.”

Nancy Tavares,
 Reading Specialist, Vermont

Small Group Read

Aloud Fun—Lively interactive readings from Newman’s books include skits and demonstrations. Throughout the reading, Newman shares fun production and illustration secrets. *all ages::40 minutes*

Close Encounters—The writing process comes alive during this question and answer session. Newman describes research and revision practices, and the editorial process. *grades 2 & up::35 minutes*

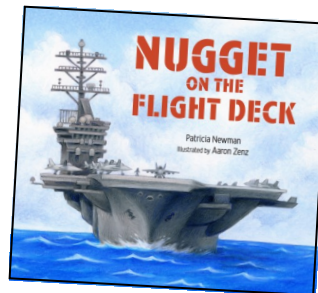
The Inside Scoop—A peek into the writing lives of famous children’s authors taken directly from Newman’s interviews with over 120 talented authors and illustrators. *grades 3 & up::30 minutes*

Writers’ Workshops—Small groups of students join Newman for an in-depth look at character, dialogue, setting or voice. *grades 4 & up::45 minutes*

Additional Programs—Lunch with the author :: Book signings :: Evening programs for parents and students

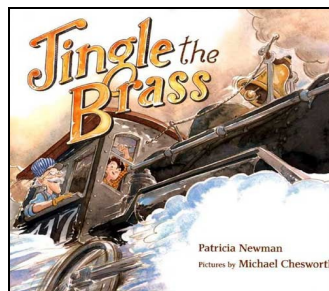
Nugget on the Flight Deck

Climb aboard the bird with Lt. Gutts Guttman and his pal, Nugget, as they catapult off an aircraft carrier they call Mother. Pull a few Gs and test your flight skills in a practice dog-fight or check out the jets in the hangar. There’s so much to see on this exciting tour of duty! *Nugget on the Flight Deck* soars with real military jargon and facts about life aboard an aircraft carrier, and is sure to make young readers—and future aviators—feel and talk like fighter pilots. *(Walker & Company)*



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Jingle the Brass



Junior Library Guild Selection

Step back in time to Ruby’s hash house and put on the nosebag with the boss hogger. He’ll tell you he likes his eggs with headlights, but if you want scrambled, just order wreck on the main line. Follow him as he and his ashcat warm up the engine at the roundhouse and hitch her up to a jigger. Then jingle the brass and ride the point. Get ready to feel the wind in your hair as the rods start flashing. Learning the lingo is just part of the fun, because now you’re railroading. *(Farrar, Straus & Giroux)*

Smithsonian National Museum of American History Activity Guide Now Available

Seasons Around the World

The Science of Play

Now early readers can learn about complex science topics on their own while practicing fluency. *Seasons Around the World* touches on all four seasons in the Northern and Southern hemispheres and how the natural world changes as Earth



travels around the Sun. *The Science of Play* uses simple experiments and playground sports to illustrate body mechanics and motion. Both books incorporate a controlled vocabulary and page length. *(Pearson)*

Coming Soon from Unibooks, 2011
Go To Bed, Ted
Guess Who, Mama?
Can You See the Wind?



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