

# MASC Young Authors and Illustrators Festival 2019

## Artist bios

### Authors ...



**CATHERINE AUSTEN** writes for all ages. Her teen thriller, *All Good Children*, won the Canadian Library Association YA Award. Her middle-grade novel, *26 Tips for Surviving Grade 6*, received the Hackmatack Children's Award and the Quebec Federation of Writers Prize. Its sequel, *28 Tricks for a Fearless Grade 6*, was nominated for a Diamond Willow Award. Catherine is a literacy tutor for Sage Youth, and editor of Pot-pourri, Ottawa Public Library's anthology of youth writing. She lives in Gatineau, Quebec. [www.catherineausten.com](http://www.catherineausten.com)



**CARY FAGAN** is the author of novels and picture books for children including *Mr. Zinger's Hat*, *Danny Who Fell into a Hole* and the *Wolfie and Fly* series. His latest book for middle-grade readers is *Mort Ziff is not Dead*. Cary's kids' books have been translated into many languages and have won major children's literary awards including the Vicky Metcalf, IODE Jean Throop and the Mr. Christie Silver Medal. He also writes adult books and has been nominated for the Giller and Rogers Writers' Trust prizes. Cary lives in Toronto, Ontario. [www.caryfagan.com](http://www.caryfagan.com)



**KAREN KROSSING** is the author of seven novels for kids and teens. Her recent titles include *Punch Like a Girl*, runner-up for the Kaywell Books Save Lives Award; *Bog*, winner SCBWI Crystal Kite Award; and *Cut the Lights*, starred review in ALA Booklist. Karen nurtures new writers through writing workshops for kids, teens, and adults. She also works as a freelance writer and editor for business and educational clients. Karen lives in Toronto, Ontario. [www.karenkrossing.com](http://www.karenkrossing.com)



**DAVID A. ROBERTSON** is an award-winning author and graphic novelist. He writes about Canada's Indigenous Peoples, reflecting their cultures, histories, communities, and contemporary issues. His books include *When We Were Alone* (Governor General's Award winner, McNally Robinson Best Book, TD Children's Award finalist), *Will I See?* (winner, Manuela Book Award), and the YA novel *Strangers*. He is the author of the middle-grade graphic novel series, *Tales From Big Spirit*. A member of Norway House Cree Nation, David lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. [www.darobertson.ca](http://www.darobertson.ca)

### Illustrators ...



**SOYEON KIM** is a Korean-born artist and children's book illustrator. She uses painting, fine sketching and collage to create three-dimensional dioramas which become her illustration panels. Her work has garnered many awards, including the prestigious Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award for *You Are Stardust*. Her latest book, *Sukaq and the Raven*, is an Inuit folktale with text by Iqaluit writer Roy Goose. Soyeon has toured with TD Book Week and the Adelaide Writers' Festival for Kids in Australia. She lives in Burlington, Ontario. [www.kimsoyeonart.com](http://www.kimsoyeonart.com)



**BRITT WILSON** is a cartoonist and graphic novelist. Her graphic novels include *Ghost Queen*, *Cat Dad King of the Goblins*, and *Britt Wilson's Greatest Book on Earth*. Britt works on various comics series including the six-issue *Fionna and Cake* for which she received both Harvey and Eisner comic award nominations for her expressive lettering work. She is currently illustrating a book series with Scholastic Canada called *Almost Epic Squad*. The first in the series is *Mucus Mayhem* (written by Kevin Sylvester). Britt lives in Toronto, Ontario. [www.brittwilson.com](http://www.brittwilson.com)