



# WONDER NEWS

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to Wonder News! I'm glad to share what I think and do with you! People are welcome to contact me to give me feedback and ideas, and to request to be added to my email list. I will add no one without a request. Feel free to share with others!

## A Week of Rest and Relaxation

I spent a week housesitting and puppy sitting for one of my cousins. They have the cutest Lhasa Apso! Of course, after spending a week with him, I have another story idea!

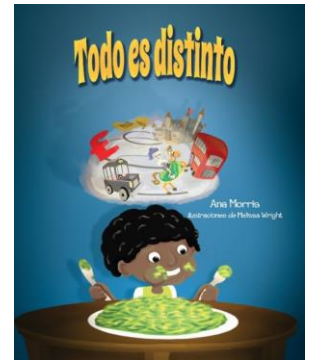
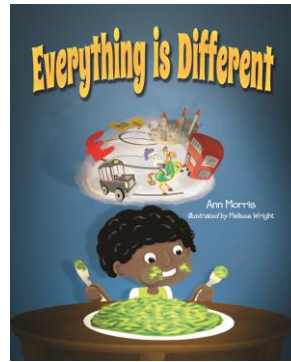


## Doing your Taxes?

In the USA, we have to prepare our income tax return yearly. Authors should know that there are deductions that apply to them that may not apply to other professions, since anything can prompt a story idea.

Check your information and research carefully. When I traveled to England for a daughter's wedding, I immediately knew that a children's book was welling within me. That's when I wrote and published **Everything**

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When went to have my taxes prepared, the accountant told me that the reason for my trip was what would determine if the trip was deductible or not. There are literary attorneys (my advice came from one), so keep current on tax laws. They change from year to year.

<https://www.thebalance.com/tax-deduction-tips-for-authors-2799906>

## Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)



I would recommend that any children's author join SCBWI. There are also state chapters. I'm not only a member, but I belong to SCBWI Translators.

I was able to attend one of the local conferences, and it was wonderful! Opportunities to meet others of our genres and discuss writing and publication issues are invaluable!

Think about it!



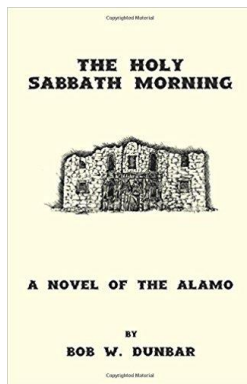
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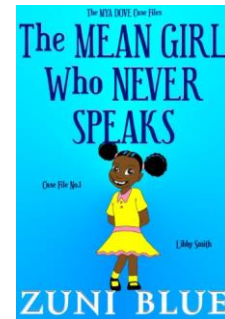
## The Holy Sabbath Morning- 5 Star Review



I love historical fiction, especially when it is well researched. This book draws the reader into the story by presenting various participants in the conflict and geographic details. It was a story where I knew the ending from having seen movies and having studied my own history. This book shows the author's detail in storytelling, his research, and his acquaintance with the locale. It was wonderful to fill in so many gaps in my own limited knowledge of this exact history. My heart pounded with each participant's anxieties, and with the building anticipation and realization of the importance of what I was reading. I would recommend this to any US history lover, any Texan, anyone who loves to venture into the interior of momentous and hallowed events such as the Alamo.



## Book Review: 5 Stars for The Mean Girl who Never Speaks by Zuni Blue



I loved Mya and her ambition. I remember what it was like to be new at school, what it was like to wonder if someone was nice or not, and the oddities of being that age. I thought it was especially enlightening that Mya consulted her father and learned about Libby's situation. No spoilers! It was helpful for young people to learn about others in the same situation. Thank you, Zuni Blue, for a fun story with a social lesson!

Young Writers Conference  
William Penn University  
Oskaloosa, Iowa



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Young Writers Conference will include 2 vetted students from 25 schools on March 6! I hope to have photos in my next newsletter. I'll be presenting a workshop on Creative Writing for elementary students, and will use my own books and ideas to help prompt their ideas. Look for it next month!

## How to Review a Book

Everyone has his or her own way to review a book.

A review can be comprehensive and play-by-play, as some that I've included in Wonder News have been.

I prefer shorter reviews that are positive about the book's strong features.

They should highlight what you liked about the book.

As for rating, there are different theories. One fellow author stated, "I never give a 5, because no one is perfect."

Having been a teacher, I look at the scores 1-5 as percentages. 5 would be an A. If the book is awkward to read, or if there are noticeable grammatical errors (not in the dialogue), then the rating would go down.

Some books I have simply told the author that I cannot review it, unless he/she wishes me to honestly post the low score.

I do not always review with a score of 5. I have been extremely fortunate to read well-written books, and many have received 5s, but a 4 is still good, and sometimes a 4 in the mix gives the other 5s more credibility. Be honest and be fair.

## Where Are My Books?

My books are available in several locations locally as well as online.

My website will get you a signed book:

[www.authorannmorris.com](http://www.authorannmorris.com)

Facebook Author page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnMorrisChildrensAuthorLanguageConsulting/>

The books are on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00C8G2V8S>

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Books-a-Million (BAM):

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