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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!

# **Remember This Little Guy?**

I already wrote his book! The Particular Little Puppy is already written and waiting to enter the pipeline! Sometimes they happen that easily!



## Young Writers' Conference

I really enjoyed presenting workshops to the elementary students present at this Conference at William Penn University on March 6. Their enthusiasm is refreshing, and their spontaneity inspiring.

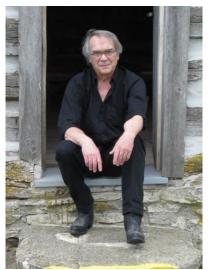


RIP

The hardship of knowing and respecting so many talented people is that sometimes some leave us. I lost a friend and mentor in Bob W Dunbar (author of *The Holy Sabbath Morning* and *To Fame's Proud Cliff*).

Robert "Bob" William Dunbar of Urbandale passed away after a long illness on March 4th at the age of 68. A memorial visitation will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Fredregill Funeral & Cremation Care in Polk City, Iowa. Following the visitation his memorial service will be held and will begin at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, Iowa.

I'm glad that Bob is once again happy and well. Part of him is in Rock `n' Roll Heaven, but I <u>know</u> he is smiling on all writers as they do what they love.



Close-up from photo by Sarah Jury

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#### Human/Civil Rights Symposium March 14, 2018

I love events like this that bring me in contact with like-minded people who care about others and their rights. I had a vendor table with my books, as well as six completed scarves to give to an organization that would use them. I finished my seventh there, and the US Commission for Refugees and Immigrants was gracious enough to take them! One mission accomplished!



Here I am with friend Dora Sedeño at the Symposium. She wants to sell my books at her shop! Zedeño Cowboy Clothing near NE 14th & Euclid in Des Moines, IA! I was glad to accept.

## My New Books

So much is happening now...slowly, but it's happening. My toddler book, "Do It Again!"/¡Otra vez! has passed approval of the illustrations. The graphics team is now working on the pdf copy. So...I submitted my rhyming book about my granddaughters, to get it started! I

have another ready. After that (the puppy), and I'm writing my first chapter book dealing with compassion and the underprivileged. I feel like I'm on a roll. I love it!

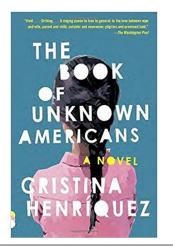


#### **Spanish Interview**

I was contacted by a bilingual colleague from Facebook and LinkedIn to participate in an interview in Spanish about education, my books, where I get my writing ideas and many other in depth issues. I was flattered, and accepted. It turns out I'm going to be a feature! The article will be several pages long, and it will include stories and examples of why I write and how I taught. Thank you, Ana Rubio-Serrano! This is exciting!

## New Book Club!

I have been invited to join a new book club, and I'm excited to be reading cultural books in my interest group!



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5 Stars for The Book of Unknown Americans! This was a heart-rending story from beginning to end. There is a reason for these immigrants being called "unknown". Most people don't take the time or make the effort to know who they are and why they are here. Cristina Henriquez has done a wonderful job of integrating the family stories, showing how people bond when in need. I had no expectations going into the book. I let the author tell her story and was moved tremendously.

## New Writing Class Started March 26

For the first night of class, we began with some prompts, I think it will be a fun class!







#### 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 Facebook Author page: https://www.facebook.com/AnnMorrisChildrens AuthorLanguageConsulting/ The books are on Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00C8G2V8S Barnes & Noble: www.barnesandnoble.com/ Books-a-Million (BAM): www.booksamillion.com/ Mascot Books: www.mascotbooks.com They are also on consignment at several Central Iowa stores.

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