

Educational and Entertaining Enrichment
for small groups or large audiences
of **all** ages

Mark Binder

delivers

Author visits with Energy
Storytelling with Joy
Writing & Story Workshops

"I don't think I can come up with enough superlatives to
express the terrific way Mark presented his program!"
-Seekonk, MA

reading • writing • listening • literacy • fun



Plan a visit from a most engaging award-winning writer and performer...

Mark Binder has been sharing joy and laughter with young people and adults for more than a decade.

His latest book, *Stories for Peace* is a challenging collection designed to entertain and make you think. The last few years have also seen the publication of Mark's "autobiography," *It Ate My Sister*, his first novel, *The Brothers Schlemiel*, and an update of his bestselling collection, *The Bed Time Story Book*.

As a storyteller, he has two live albums of original and traditional stories: *A Holiday Present!* and *It Was a Dark and Stormy Night* is bone-chilling. He has also released two award-winning studio recordings: *Classic Stories for Boys and Girls* and *A Hanukkah Present*. Hundreds of his short stories have appeared in magazines and newspapers around the world, including *Cricket Magazine*.

Mark's live performances are enjoyed by people of all ages in

schools, libraries, churches, synagogues and community centers.

Born in Boston, Mark has lived in Cambridge, Washington, San Antonio, London and New York City. He is based in Providence.

Mark studied mythology and storytelling at Columbia University and playwrighting, acting and directing at the Trinity Rep Conservatory. He has a Masters degree in English and Theater, and is an adjunct professor at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he teaches a college course called "Telling Lies".

Mark's programs have received grant funding from the United States Department of Education, the Rhode Island Department of Education, the City of Providence, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, National Storytelling Network, and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. He is a Rhode Island Artist Educator, and on the New England Foundation for the Arts Touring Roster.



**"...all cultural backgrounds will
be entertained by these tales."**

—School Library Journal

Don't miss your chance to share Mark's hilarious and heartwarming tales on his round-the-world tour!

To book your event, call (401) 272-8707

Mark Binder delivers stories...

The Art of Peace

How can you handle a bully? When does a conflict begin? What are the consequences of violence? Can problems be resolved peacefully? There are alternatives.

Combines martial arts experience and storytelling skills. Suitable for teens and adults, too.

Accompanied by Mark's latest book, *Stories for Peace*, this program is adapted for all ages.



Read a Little Every Day!

Silly stories and songs. Pigs, Bears, Wolves, Pizza, Bad Manners and more.

Original and traditional, plain and simple.

This program is tailored for your audience — it doesn't matter how old or young they are they'll enjoy themselves.



"Mark was a big hit; the staff and students really enjoyed his presentations."

—Webster Middle School, MA

Author Residency Talk-and-Tell

Learn about writing, telling and publishing stories. A blend of reading, storytelling and question-and-answer, this is one of Mark's most popular events.

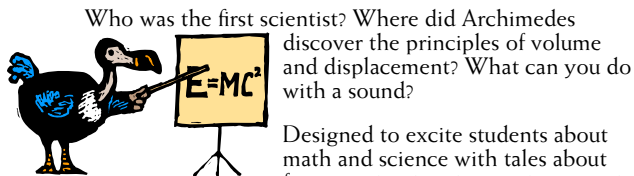
Each session is adjusted based on the grade-level. Includes powerful short lessons in writing and revision.

It Ate My Sister (and other tall tales)

A thrilling selection of stories from traditional sources (like "Paul Bunyan Meets Babe the Blue Ox") plus unique originals (like "It Ate My Sister"). How big was "My Grandfather's Fish?"

Stories the older crowd will certainly enjoy.

Eureka! Science and Math



Who was the first scientist? Where did Archimedes discover the principles of volume and displacement? What can you do with a sound?

Designed to excite students about math and science with tales about famous scientists, interesting experiments, and unusual consequences.

Spooky Stories and Creepy Tales

It was a dark and stormy night... The moon was full... A lonesome campground... AAAAH! This is an awesome collection of thrilling stories, jump tales, and chillers. Some traditional, some original, all will keep you entertained and on the edge of your seat. (Audience appropriate, but **not** recommended for K-2)



"The program was wonderful!!!"

—Dunn's Corners Elementary, RI

Omakase—Many Cultures/Many Tales

What stories do you need to hear? What stories need to be retold? Folk tales and original stories from around the world that reflect the melting pot. Adapted both for schools and summer reading programs!

Our Green Outdoors

Perfect for an environmental celebration, the Fourth of July, or any sunny day. Awesome for schools, libraries, campers and counselors.

Story Writing (or) Story Telling Workshops

Don't struggle — create. Set a scene, develop characters, unfold a plot. Then write it down.

Mark teaches story structure, elements of narrative, how to integrate and reincorporate ideas and the importance of rewriting and revision.

Everyone can write. Everyone can tell. This workshop teaches how.



A Holiday Present!

"Can you do a heart-warming, multicultural program that covers all the bases but won't offend anyone?" You bet! Can it include stories (and songs) from Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanza, Ramadan, Diwali, Chanukah, New Years, Solstice, and more? Yep.

(Even though Ramadan moves?) Yep.

Because holidays are happy, in every tradition.



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...for learning and for fun!

Author visits with energy
Storytelling with joy
for all ages and grades

**"The children were captivated by
Mark's stories and energetic demeanor!"**
—Soule Elementary, NH



Reading, writing and literacy encouragement
Themed or seasonal enrichment

Beginning, middle or end of year fun!

Assemblies, Residencies and Workshops
Parent Engagement
Concerts for Families
Staff Training

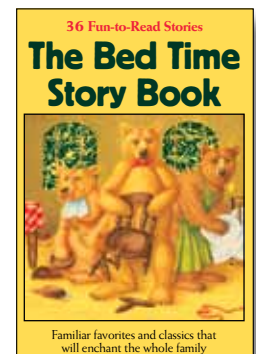
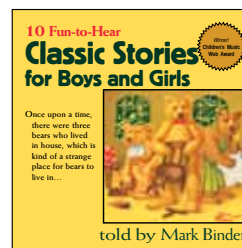
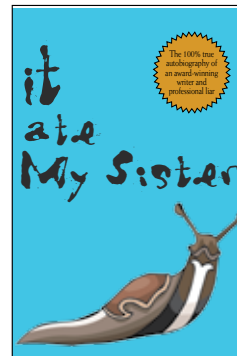
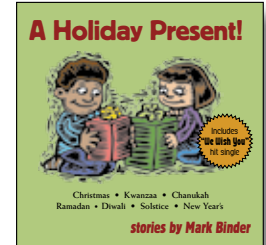
**We highly recommend Mark
for any school function that
you may have..."**

—Annunciation School, NYC



Books and Albums

Order Mark's books and albums for your classroom
(or yourself) at your local bookstore or Amazon.com.
Download and listen at the iTunes Music Store.



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Mark Binder Delivers



"A big hit with the staff and students"

"Hi. My name is Mark Binder. I write and tell stories for a living!"

All you did was talk, but you really kept their attention!

Assembly organizers often seem surprised by the enthusiastic way young people (and adults) respond to my presentations: they are rapt. They listen, they laugh, and then they ask questions.

Are you looking for a special treat for your young people? An in-depth workshop? Training for staff or parents? Would you like a seasonal program or tales on a specific topic? How about an evening family concert? Would you like something educational, captivating and fun?

I offer a variety of themed programs that, whether written or spoken, all have a common thread—the joy of story. My visits encourage reading, writing and listening.

When I speak with your group, I will tell tales and teach lessons designed to capture the imagination. The walls will melt away. You will be transported to another place and time. Children, teachers, and parents all share the experience.

The presentations I give are tailored to meet your needs. I promise that the programs and stories will be engaging and appropriate to your group—their ages, the time of day, and even the weather. If you don't see a story or theme it on my "menu" please ask! Chances are I can find the right story for you. I like challenges.

We all hunger for a good story, and I deliver.

Please call me, or email Beth (beth@markbinder.com), for more information and to reserve your dates.

I hope I have the opportunity to meet you soon.

— Mark Binder

