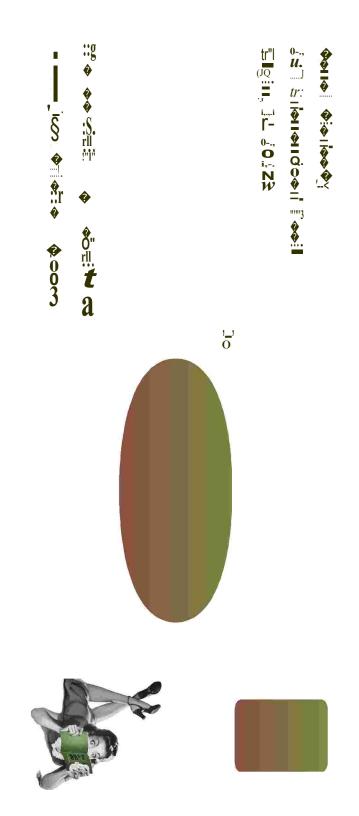


Janet Riehecky is the author of 124 books for children. She published her first book, *Sharing*, in 1988 and has gone on to publish both fiction and nonfiction titles, including the popular Red Door Detective Club mystery series and a 24-volume series, *Dinosaurs!*, which won the Summit Award for Best Children's Nonfiction.

From 1998 to 2004, Ms. Riehecky served as the National Director for *Kids Love A Mystery*, a literacy program sponsored by Mystery Writers of America. She also served two terms on the Midwest Board of Directors for MWA. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the Dinosaur Society, Mystery Writers of America, and the Society of American Magicians. She has a B.A. in English Education from Illinois Wesleyan University, an M.A. in Communication from Illinois State University, and an M.A. in English Literature from Northwestern University.







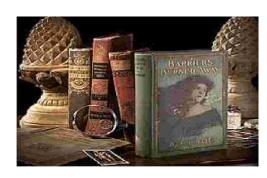
A Creative Writing
Program by
Award-winning
Children's Author
Janet
Riehecky

## Shady characters, red herrings, and things that go bump in the night ...

Kids chose to read mysteries more often than any other genre of books. Award-winning children's author, Janet Riehecky, gets kids also excited about creating their own mystery stories in this educational and entertaining program.

"Mystery and Magic" is both a magic show and a "how-to" for writing mysteries. Ms. Riehecky shows students how to build a mysterious plot, heighten suspense, plant clues, and create spooky characters, illustrating each step with a magic trick or illusion.

"Mystery and Magic" is 60 minutes long and can be adapted for students in grades K- 6.





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The Magic of Writing
Janet Riehecky reveals that
there is magic in the writing
process in this unique program.

A professional magician as well as a children's author, Ms. Riehecky performs a series of magic tricks that guide students through the steps of creating a story: generating ideas, structuring a plot, and creating characters. Kids see that writing can be fun and learn to "change the ordinary into the extraordinary." The presentation can be adapted to the age level of the audience and is an ideal way to kick off a creative writing unit or a Young Authors program.

## Dinosaur Encounter

Ms. Riehecky, author of thirty-four books on dinosaurs, presents a highly visual and very en

presents a highly visual and very entertaining interactive program, featuring the latest theories of how the dinosaurs lived – and more than thirty-five fossils and museum-quality replicas of real dinosaur bones. Students will be able to view a tyrannosaur's tooth, a velociraptor's claw, a 5' 7" long Apatosaurus femur, and even an entire Tyrannosaurus foot. They will also learn how scientists form their theories about dinosaurs.