



# Laura Ingalls Wilder

## CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2024

### MEET THE AUTHORS



#### WILLIAM ANDERSON

William Anderson has written for over 100 magazine articles, for publications like TRAVEL & LEISURE, THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, and others. He is the author of over 25 books such as River Boy, The World of the Trapp family, Laura Ingalls Wilder Country and more. William Anderson was also a manuscript consultant for Harper Collins, he has

written scripts, texts for CDs, and even put together the words for historical markers. (Those will always stay in print!).



#### MATT & STEVE MURRIE

Matt Murrie is an expert in curiosity and the creator of Curiosity-Based Thinking, and the author of *The Screaming Hairy Armadillo* and *The Book of What If...?* He works across sectors to turn curiosity into collaborative actions using easily replicable, repeatable processes to train others to use rational thinking creatively by pushing against what

some would see as irrational.

Matt Murrie is a speaker, author of eight books, and creator of Curiosity-Based Thinking and Learning all designed to empower people across sectors and industries with the tools necessary to create a more curious world--and improve our world in the process. The Curiosity-Based Thinking Matt developed and the experiences he designs unite global networks of educators, entrepreneurs, innovators, scientists, artists, and other curious minds passionate about solving challenges big and small through curiosity-inspired actions. Matt has taught, trained, presented, and facilitated workshops on curiosity and Curiosity-Based Thinking and Learning around the world, helping others improve their ability to get more out of their lives by using their curiosity. Matt has been featured in global publications, given TEDx Talks, and invited by MIT and Ford Motors to present the importance of curiosity in innovation.



#### SUZANNA LYNN

Author Suzanna Lynn is a happily married, full-time mother of three beautiful, energetic children, and lives in a small town nestled in the deep rolling hills of Missouri. When she is not busy writing or spending time with her family, Suzanna loves to draw and paint, as well as scrapbooking. She also has been known to volunteer with her children's school, the Ladies Auxiliary, and even the local zoo!



#### DARLA NOBLE

Darla Noble is a Missouri girl through and through. Born in Jefferson City, which is the state capital, she lived most of her life in Rolla, MO before moving to a small town just outside of Springfield, MO a few years ago. Darla has been writing inspirational nonfiction, historical nonfiction, memoirs, Bible studies, parenting/family resources, and

curriculum for over twenty-eight years. Darla's popularity as an author, ghostwriter, and speaker come from her ability to entertain, encourage, and educate through storytelling and practical advice. Her faith, wit, and wisdom are enjoyed by readers across the United States, Australia, Asia, and Europe.

Darla and her husband John have been married for forty 'plus' years, are the parents of four grown children, four children in-law, and eight adorable grandchildren. When Darla is not writing or speaking, she enjoys raising vegetables and flowers, camping, spending time with her family and friends, and hanging out with her miniature dachshund, Charlotte. Darla loves to hear from her readers, so feel free to visit her website: [www.dnoblewrites.com](http://www.dnoblewrites.com) or contact her at [dnoblewrites@yahoo.com](mailto:dnoblewrites@yahoo.com) and 'like' her on Facebook (Darla Noble), on Twitter @dnoblewrites, or on LinkedIn Darla Noble.



#### "AMY O' QUINN

My husband and I have six children (including a set of twins), ages 30 down to 15. The four oldest are all grown up or in college, but the rest of us live on the family farm way out in the Georgia countryside. I am a teacher and children's author, and I enjoy writing about history and science. A few of my favorite things

are good books, coffee, dark chocolate, beautiful sunsets, and rainy days.

Check out my blog for the latest news and posts, and please visit my website: [www.amyoquinn.com](http://www.amyoquinn.com)



### STEPHANIE WHITE

Stephanie is a fifth-generation farmer who not only works in her field of passion, with her husband Andrew, but is dedicated to sharing the story of the American Farmer. On her journey to becoming a published author, Stephanie has worked as an agriculture broadcaster, director of communications for the Missouri Cattleman's Association, and freelance writer, along with other agricultural jobs that allowed her to

share a positive view of farm life. Find more at Stephanie's website: [www.welcometoourfarmlife.com](http://www.welcometoourfarmlife.com)



### TIFFANY TUTU

Tiffany Tutu wrote her first children's book when she was a child herself. Her first editor, her mother, Della, instilled belief in Tiffany that she could be a children's author one day. The dream laid dormant until Tiffany became a mother. With the pen name of Tiffany Tutu, a nickname given to her by her kindergarten teacher, she was inspired by the

small moments and memories she collected during quarantine with her son to write a book celebrating him and those moments.

She lives in the Midwest with her husband, three children, a cat that does not age, endless dinosaurs, countless baby dolls, and a few tutus, of course.

A common saying is that nothing in life is certain, but when it comes to Tiffany, one can be assured she has a glass of tea in hand, no socks on her feet, and a dream growing in her heart.

She can be found online at [tiffanytutu.com](http://tiffanytutu.com) or Instagram at @authortiffanytutu



### DAKOTAH PIKE

Dakotah Pike is a Lutheran wife, mother, and avid reader, as well as the author of the children's picture book series Fitz the Fish. The Fitz books were a creation of necessity after her children kept pestering to read her "grown-up books" (written under a different penname), but they quickly took on a life of their own. Now she's happy to share her series with her nieces, nephews, and friends new and old.



### KIZZI HUTCHESON

Kizzi writes stories that she wanted to read as a child, and stories she hopes children will ask for again and again. She draws on real-life adventures as well as anything she can imagine and loves weaving tales for all ages. Kizzi once traveled the country with the circus, but now her adventures keep her a little closer to home. She lives in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks with her family, and can often be found catching grasshoppers with her toddler.



### GABRIELLE MARTIN

Hi there! I am Gabe, a self-published children's book author from Springfield, Missouri. I am a proud working mama of two beautiful daughters, Alivia (Livvy) & Colette (Coco) who were both the inspiration behind my book, and my motivation to see it through.

Professionally, I am an event planner, philanthropist, and marketing enthusiast (oh, and I absolutely love to sing!). I hold a Master of Arts degree in Integrated Marketing Communication from Drury

University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Tulsa.

I have been blessed with an incredibly supportive (and very large) family grounded in our faith. I live outside of the box- I like a good challenge- and I hope to inspire others to push boundaries and never stop achieving.