



Darleen Bailey Beard is the award-winning Oklahoma author of six books for children.



Book Reviews

- * Outstanding Title—School Library Journal
- * A Best Book of the Year—Bank Street College
- * Thrilling—Booklist
- * Full of nostalgic American fun—Booklist
- * Timeless—Publisher's Weekly



New this fall! See page 2 . . .

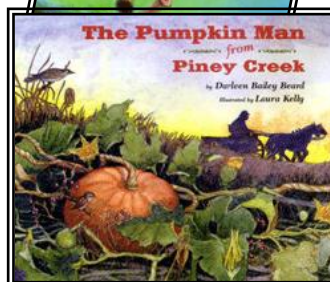
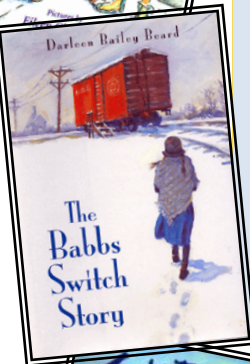
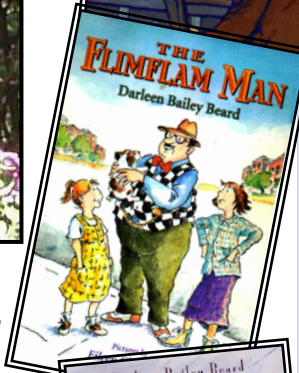
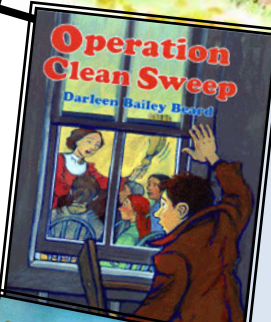


School Reviews

Students were thrilled as Darleen visited 42 schools during a six-week residency. She was delightful & her sweet spirit was contagious. I highly recommend her as a presenter & instructor." **Sammie Garnett, Author Coordinator, Panama Beach City, FL**

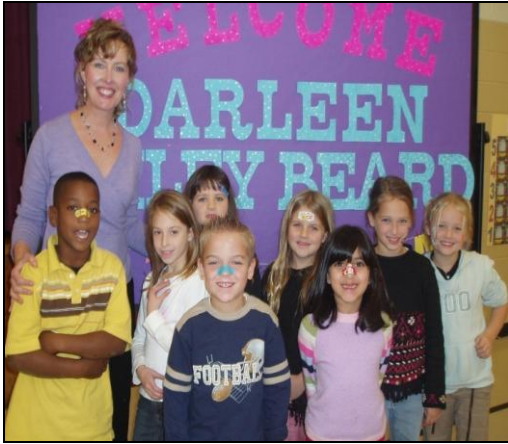
"With more than 70 presentations made to thousands of students, the only complaint we had was that Darleen's presentations had to come to an end. Really. Her visits were the most successful series of author visits I can remember having in the Putnam City School District. She exceeded our highest expectations. We've had a lot of authors visit over the years, many with big names & lots of published books, but we've never had anyone be more successful at getting the 'reading & writing are good things to do' message out to our kids." **John McGrath, Multi-media Specialist, Putnam City Schools, OKC**

"We've had many author visits in the past 20 years & Darleen is one of the most personable, prepared, child-friendly authors we've ever experienced. She did 28 presentations to over 4000 students—we highly recommend her for your next author visit!" **Cheryl Golightly, Library Media Coordinator, Owasso, OK**



Now

- School Author Visits, K-12
- Author-in-Residence
- Hands-on Writing Workshops
- Title One Reading programs
- Keynotes & Conferences
- Family Reading Nights
- Teacher In-Service Training
- Book Fairs, Book Signings



After hearing DBB speak, your students will run for a pencil *and* a band-aid!



Band-aids?

Growing up in the 60s, Darleen was tall, skinny, & very shy. At ten-years old, she stood a head taller than all her friends & had the dreaded nickname, "Chicken Legs."

When her teacher asked her class to write stories using their spelling words, she was excited and couldn't figure out why all the other kids were complaining. After all, writing stories sounded fun. So fun, that Darleen would not only write one story but two, sometimes even three!

Darleen knew then, that when she grew up, she would be a writer. Her first book is dedicated to her wonderful fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Jacqui Shickling, who looked beyond the shy little girl & saw a writer in the making.

Now, about those band-aids—you'll have to invite her to your school to find out!

Web site news

On DBB's Web site, you'll find anything and *everything* you'll need to help schedule your event, including:

- Ready-made book order forms
- AR tests, fun writing lessons
- 30-minute bulletin board packets
- Book ordering info, funny money
- Plays, readers' theaters, activities
- Announcement posters, buttons

Session Choices

Author Talk—DBB talks about her childhood, her old band-aid collection, the teacher who introduced her to writing; shows slides of the stories & books she wrote in elementary school, the process a book goes through to become published, shares behind-the-scene stories about her life & books; then ends with a Q&A.

Hands-on Writing

Workshops—with **over 30** fun & wacky workshops to choose from, students will have so much fun they won't realize they're learning necessary skills required for state testing. DBB brings fun costumes, music, & more.

Idea Files—DBB opens her personal 'idea file' to show how she gets ideas for her award-winning books from photos, newspapers, Dear Abby, & even junk mail, then shares tips on how students can create their own idea files to jumpstart story writing in the classroom.

Indepth Q&A With

Poetry—DBB answers in-depth Qs about the writing process, and shares how to submit student writing/art for publication and what her life is like as an author. This also includes a fun hands-on animal-poetry writing exercise.

Here's the new book!



Annie Glover is NOT a

Tree Lover

Annie's grandma is always protesting *something*—the high price of gas, nuclear waste, pollution—but she goes too far when she chains herself to the century-old tree right across the street from Will Rogers Elementary and names it Elmer. Elmer is scheduled to be cut down to make way for a new swimming pool and Grandma is trying to save him, but Annie wants that swimming pool—and so do all her classmates. Now she must endure all the other fourth-graders asking her a million-trillion embarrassing questions and that pesky Leroy Kirk calling her a "tree lover." How humiliating! However, as Annie considers what Elmer means to her town and to herself, she begins to think that maybe Grandma's not so crazy after all. In this funny chapter book, Annie realizes what's really important, with the help of her totally fab best friend, a wacky trio of parachuting Elvis impersonators, and yes, even Grandma.



Actual tree in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Students Say:

"Darleen made me believe in myself!"

"Her heart flows with good stuff."

"Darleen is like a rainbow!"