

Author/Illustrator Appearances With Ron Hirschi and Tammy Yee



Now you can bring Ron and Tammy to your school to share their experiences in workshops aimed at helping young writers and artists create their own books. Ron and Tammy will work directly with your students in hands on sessions. Creative paper folding, envelope books with notes, journaling, and letter writing...All based on their published works, including *Swimming With Humuhumu*.

Ron Hirschi



Tussing Elementary students created this Humpback Whale from recycled junk with Ron and sculptor Leo Sewell. The students hope that others will be inspired to create art from recycled junk and learn more about whales too.

"I started my career as a biologist, never imagining myself writing children's books. My inspiration first came when I was in graduate school and my 'assistant' was my five year old daughter who accompanied me as I did field research. She was always stopping to show me a beetle, salamander, or toad and it was in her discoveries that I began to appreciate how children love the natural world. Soon enough, I was visiting her school, sharing the first stories I wrote for magazines, and later, for my first children's books." Ron Hirschi



Ron also has led and participated in many teacher workshops. Here, he is helping teachers with a "Letterboxing" project along the Scioto River in Ohio.

Ron has written over 50 children's books. His books have been listed as Best Science Trade Books of the year, and won the John Burroughs Nature Book among other awards. Several of his books have been featured on Reading Rainbow.

Tammy Yee



Author/illustrator Tammy Yee grew up in Hawaii where she explored tide pools, swam in streams, and wrote and illustrated spooky stories her teachers politely read. Working with children as a pediatric registered nurse and later, having children of her own rekindled her love for picture books, so in 1994 she exchanged her stethoscope for a paintbrush and she's been writing and illustrating ever since.

Tammy has written and/or illustrated more than 24 books. Her collaborations have won honors such as the Ka Palapala Po'okela Award (with Elaine Masters), the Hawaii Center for the Book's 2006 National Book Festival Selection (with 'Uilani Goldsberry) and the 2008 Storytelling World Honor Award (with Anthony Fredericks).

Her work with award-winning author Ron Hirschi on *Swimming with Humuhumu* and other projects reflect their love of nature and passion for sharing their work with young people.

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