Amber J. Keyser

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AUTHOR'S BIO

Author of fifteen books and multiple short published works. Finalist for the Oregon Book Award. Winner of a Writing by Writers flash fiction contest. Recipient of multiple starred reviews. Frequent speaker and teacher. Public appearances include TV, radio, and an interview recorded with Oregon Public Broadcasting in front of a live audience at the Portland Literary Festival main stage. Represented by Fiona Kenshole at Transatlantic Agency (fiona@transatlantic.com). More information at www.amberjkeyser.com.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Ph.D — Genetics	University of Georgia, 2003
MS — Zoology	Auburn University, 1998
BA — Liberal Arts	The Evergreen State College, 1992

NOVELS

Pointe, Claw	Carolrhoda Lab 2017
The Way Back from Broken	Carolrhoda Lab 2015

NONFICTION

No More Excuses: Dismantling Rape Culture	21st Century Books 2019
Underneath It All: A History of Women's Underwear	21st Century Books 2018
Tying the Knot: A World History of Marriage	21st Century Books 2018
The V-Word: True Stories of First-Time Sex	SimonPulse 2016
Sneaker Century: A History of Athletic Shoes	21st Century Books 2015

SHORT PROSE

Something Out of Nothing	FlyFish Journal 2024
Learning to See in the Joulter Cays	FlyFish Journal 2022
Conference Bound? Do Your Homework	The Washpan News 2011
I Have Lived Other Places	Our Portland Story 2010
Crossing Tracks with Skater Boy	Mothering Magazine 2008
Teen Second Life	Common Sense Media 2007
Reader Girlz	Common Sense Media 2007
Plumage Coloration and Mortality in Western Bluebirds	Bluebird 2005
Western Bluebirds: Life History, Population Growth, and Conservation	Bluebird 2002
Bird-friendly Farming: A Win-Win	Highlights of Agricultural Research 1998

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Shy Girl & Shy Guy (Quartz Creek Ranch series)	Darby Creek 2017
One Brave Summer (Quartz Creek Ranch series)	Darby Creek 2017
At Top Speed (Quartz Creek Ranch series)	Darby Creek 2017
The Long Trail Home (Quartz Creek Ranch series)	Darby Creek 2017
George Fletcher: The People's Champion (Oregon Reads Aloud)	Graphic Arts Books 2016
Anatomy of a Pandemic	Capstone Press 2011
Decoding Genes (Max Axiom series)	Capstone Press 2010
Basics of Cell Life (Max Axiom series)	Capstone Press 2009
An Algonquin Heart Song: Paddle My Own Canoe	Friends of Algonquin Park 2007

CHILDREN'S SHORT PROSE

Bird Pirates Strike Again!	Odyssey Magazine 2008
Curious about Animals? Make an Ethogram and Time Budget	Odyssey Magazine 2008
Teens in the Metaverse	Odyssey Magazine 2008
Immer in Second Life	Odyssey Magazine 2008

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Full list of scientific publications at Google Scholar Profile: Dr. Amber J. Keyser

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Writer in Residence, Condon High School & Fossil High School	March – April 2018
Adjunct Professor, Portland State University	January – March 2005
Adjunct Professor, Washington State University	September – December 2005
Visiting Lecturer, Silapakorn University, Thailand	June – December 1995

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Write on the Sound Conference	October 2026
Willamette Writers Workshop Series	July 2021
Deschutes Public Library Writers Series	September 2018
West Linn Historical Society	June 2018
COMPOSE Writing Conference	May 2018
SCBWI Inland Northwest Conference	September 2017
Storytime: An MG & YA Intensive	June 2017
Wilsonville Public Library Writers Series	May 2017
Herringbone Books Writers Workshop	May 2017
Roundabout Books Writers Workshop	February 2017
SCBWI Oregon	January 2017

Oregon Association of School Libraries Fall Conference	October 2016
SheBop	May 2016
Dudley's Bookshop Cafe Writers Workshop	May 2016
Oregon Library Association Conference	April 2016
Oregon Association of School Libraries Spring Conference	April 2016
Deschutes Public Library Writers Series	April 2016
West Linn Public Library Writers Series	April 2016
SCBWI Western Washington Professional Series	February 2016
Powell's City of Books League of Exceptional Writers	February 2016
Deschutes Public Library Writers Series	October 2015
Oregon Council of Teachers of English Fall Conference	October 2015
SCBWI Western Washington Spring Conference	April 2015
Ooligan Write to Publish Conference	January 2015
SCBWI Oregon Great Critique	January 2015
SCBWI Southern Oregon Workshop	June 2014
Skagit Valley Writers Workshop	April 2014
SCBWI Oregon Professional Series	November 2013
LeakyCon	June 2013
Oregon Library Association & Washington Library Association Joint Conference	April 2013
Toad Hall Writing Retreat	October 2012
Oregon Association of State Librarians Annual Conference	October 2012
Willamette Writers Annual Conference	August 2012
South Coast Writers Conference	February 2012
Young Writers Workshop	March 2011
SCBWI Western Washington Professional Series	February 2011

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