

# Ridge School

Grades 3-5

Welcomes

## CANDACE FLEMING

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### About the Author



Candace Fleming awarded herself the Newbery Medal in fifth grade after scraping the gold sticker off the class copy of *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and pasting it onto her first novel—a ten-

page, ten-chapter mystery called *Who Done It?* She's been collecting awards (her own, not Elizabeth George Speare's) ever since.

Today, Candace is the versatile and acclaimed Author of more than forty books for children and Young adults, including the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize honored *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion*, and the *Fall of the Russian Empire*; Boston Globe/Horn Book Award-winning biography, *The Lincolns*; the bestselling picture book, *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*; the Sibert-Award-winning *Giant Squid*; and the beloved *Boxes for Katje*. She contributed the chapter on Katharine of Aragon to *Fatal Throne*.

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### About the Books

#### OH, NO!

"Chased by a grinning tiger, a wee frog falls down a deep, dark hole. In turn, a mouse, a loris, a bear, and a monkey all swing by to help, but each manages to fall in just the same. Then the tiger, who's been hiding just offstage, prepares to feast—until an elephant pounds his way onto the scene and turns the tables.

#### STRONGHEART: WONDER DOG OF THE SILVER SCREEN

When movie director Larry Trimble travels to Berlin searching for his next big star—a dog!—he finds Etzel, a fierce, highly trained three-year-old German shepherd police dog. Larry sees past the snarls and growls and brings Etzel back to Hollywood, where he is renamed Strongheart. Along with screenwriter Jane Murfin, Larry grooms his protégé to be a star of the silver screen—and he succeeds, starting with Strongheart's first film, *The Love Master*, which is released in 1921. Strongheart is soon joined by a leading lady, a German shepherd named Lady Julie, and becomes a sensation.

#### GIANT SQUID

The giant squid is one of the most elusive creatures in the world. As large as whales, they hide beyond reach deep within the sea, forcing scientists to piece together their story from those clues they leave behind.

An injured whale's ring-shaped scars indicate an encounter with a giant squid. A piece of beak broken off in the whale's belly; a flash of ink dispersed as a blinding defense to allow the squid to escape—these fragments of proof were all we had ... until a giant squid was finally filmed in its natural habitat only two years ago.

#### CLEVER JACK TAKES THE CAKE

What would you do if you were invited to the princess's tenth birthday party but didn't have money for a gift? Well, clever Jack decides to bake the princess a cake. Now he just has to get it to the castle. What could *possibly* go wrong?

#### THE FABLED FOURTH GRADERS OF AESOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Here's a chapter book of contemporary fables about a rambunctious group of fourth graders and their amazing teacher - the globe-trotting, Mayan-ceremonial-robe-wearing Mr. Jupiter.

There's Calvin Tallywong, who wants to go back to kindergarten. But when he actually gets the chance, he's forced to do the squirrel dance and wear a school bus name tag. The moral of the story? Be careful what you wish for.

Then there's Amisha Spelwadi, who can spell wildebeest. No problem. When Mr. Jupiter asks the class to spell cat, all Amisha can come up with is kat. The moral: Don't count your chickens before they hatch.

#### THE FABLED FIFTH GRADERS OF AESOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to Mr. Jupiter's inimitable class at Aesop Elementary. His rambunctious, special students are fifth graders now ... and they rule the school! Bernadette Braggadoccio stirs things up when her probing investigative reporting for the school's TV station reveals some scandalous stuff. But ... don't believe everything you hear. Is that new art teacher really a crazy lady with zillions of cats, or could there be more to this story?

For their last year at Aesop, the fifth graders are hoping for the coolest class pet - a unicorn, a pink-headed duck, or at least a giant squid. Imagine their disappointment when they get guinea pigs. But ... appearances can be deceiving. These guinea pigs have some very unusual traits.

#### BEN FRANKLIN'S IN MY BATHROOM!

History meets hijinks in this first title in a hilarious new middle grade series when Ben Franklin accidentally time travels to a 10-year-old's home in 21st century America!

Nolan is a typical kid living in a typical 21st century American town. Ben Franklin is, well, Ben Franklin—Founding Father, inventor of the lightning rod and bifocals, and more. When, through a bizarre set of circumstances, Nolan and his little sister, Olive, find Ben in their house, chaos isn't far behind.

From introducing him to the toaster to taking him to the public library (another Ben invention) to preventing a nosy neighbor from blowing Ben's cover, Nolan does his best to be Ben's tour guide to the new world he helped form.

#### ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S IN MY GARAGE!

When Eleanor Roosevelt time travels to Nolan and Olive's home in modern-day Illinois, the kids don't know who she is at first. After all, she's old and wearing a hairnet. But the First Lady of the United States—some 80 years ago, that is—isn't a mystery for long when she starts spouting things like "You must do the things you think you cannot do." Fresh off a visit from Ben Franklin, Nolan and Olive know what they're in for with this latest guest: an adventure. From drawing on ideals of civil protest to save the town park, to (almost) doing a loop-de-loop in a single-engine plane, to avoiding that know-it-all snoop Tommy Tuttle, there's one laugh after the next in this second book in the History Pals series. Fun back matter expands the story and unpacks the amazing life of Eleanor Roosevelt.

But when Strongheart is accused of attacking a girl, he must prove his innocence—and it will take his best acting skills to do so.

# Candace Fleming Order Form

Due February 4th, 2020

TITLE	PRICE	QTY	COST	Autograph only (X)	Autograph & Personalize (Print Student's First Name)
<b>Oh No!</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades K-2)</i>	<b>\$8</b>				
<b>Giant Squid</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades K-2)</i>	<b>\$19</b>				
<b>Clever Jack Takes the Cake</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades K-3)</i>	<b>\$18</b>				
<b>The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades 3-5)</i>	<b>\$7</b>				
<b>The Fabled Fifth Graders of Aesop Elementary School</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades 3-5)</i>	<b>\$8</b>				
<b>Ben Franklin's in My Bathroom!</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades 3- 5)</i>	<b>\$14</b>				
<b>Eleanor Roosevelt's in My Garage!</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades 3-5)</i>	<b>\$14</b>				
<b>Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen</b> <i>(Paperback, Grades 3-5)</i>	<b>\$18</b>				

Please make checks payable to the *Ridge HSA*.

Please return forms/checks to your child's teacher by Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

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Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

