

# Kathleen Baxter ❖ Booktalker

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- ❖ Columnist, "The Non-Fiction Booktalker," *School Library Journal*, 1997—continuing.
- ❖ Presenter, The Bureau of Education and Research (BER, in Seattle) doing all-day workshops on *The Best Children's Books of the Decade* and *Connecting Boys with Books*.
- ❖ Author, *Gotcha: Non-Fiction Booktalks To Get Kids Excited About Reading* (Libraries Unlimited/Teacher Ideas Press, 1999), *Gotcha Again* (2002), *Gotcha Covered* (2005), *Gotcha for Guys* (2006).
- ❖ Speaker: AASL National Conference 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, Nevada Library Association, 2004, North Carolina School Library Media Association, 2004, Denver Book Fair 2004, 2005, Ohio Library Media Education Association 2001, 2002, 2006 Michigan Reading Association, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, Southeast Regional IRA Conference 2001, South Carolina Reading Association 2000, New Jersey Reading Association 2000, Plains Regional IRA Conference 1999, 2001, Minnesota Educational Media Organization 1999, 2002, Michigan Association for Media in Education 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, California Reading Association 1999, 2000, California School Library Association 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, Washington Library Media Association 2000, 2003, Pennsylvania School Library Association 2003, 2004, 2005, Texas Library Association 2003, American Library Association 2003, Virginia Educational Media Association 2000, 2001, Keystone State Reading Association 2000, Florida Association for Media in Education 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, Missouri Association of School Libraries 2004, 2005, Virginia State Reading Association 2001, Colorado Council of the International Reading Association 2001, Massachusetts Reading Association 2001, Brooklyn Public Library 2002, Texas Reading Association 2002, Core Knowledge Convention 2002, West Coast Literacy Conference 2002, Illinois School Library Media Association 2003, Bradley University in Peoria, 2005, 2006, Public Library Association 2004, 2006, Clark County school district in Las Vegas, Fort Bend School District in Texas, Cincinnati School District, numerous Title One groups, state Title One convention, hundreds of presentations in schools, many talks to librarians and teachers, plus many more. I have been flown in to schools in other states to present directly to children.
- ❖ Did booktalking workshops for Follett in Los Angeles, March, 2003
- ❖ Speaker on other topics: among other things, twelve talks for Nordstrom stores' large-size department fashion shows from Anchorage, to Seattle, to San Francisco and San Diego, and more. Taught classes on dating and published articles on that.
- ❖ Member, 2001 Newbery Committee.
- ❖ Native, Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where I literally grew up *On the Banks of Plum Creek*.
- ❖ BA, College of Saint Catherine, Saint Paul, Minnesota, MA, University of Minnesota.

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- ❖ Former Coordinator of Children's Services and Acquisitions Librarian, Anoka County Library, which has nine libraries in suburban Minneapolis.
- ❖ Assistant Branch Librarian and Children's Librarian at Queens Borough Public Library in NYC
- ❖ Teacher of Children's Literature, The College of Saint Catherine in Saint Paul. Guest speaker at many other colleges.
- ❖ Founder, Maud Hart Lovelace Society, which grew from two to over 500 members in one year.
- ❖ Writer of an article on selling library discards on eBay in *Library Journal*, April 2000, and two 2001 articles in *Library Talk*.