

Steve Swinburne

School Visits

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Hi! I'm Steve Swinburne and I was born in London, England.

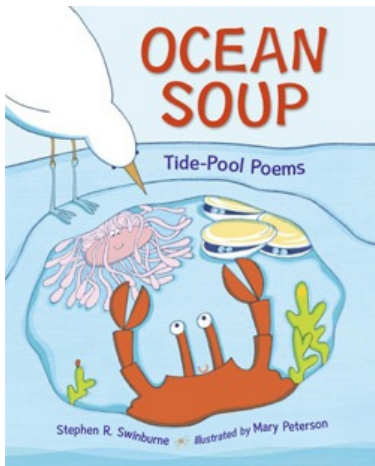
I'm the author of over 25 children's books, mostly nonfiction. I've had many jobs in my life: newspaper delivery boy, dishwasher, busboy, waiter, pizza maker, truck driver, drummer in a rock band, National Park Service ranger, boat captain, office worker. I'm quite happy now (thank you very much) writing and photographing children's books and will keep that job! I took a break from writing about manatees, wolves and bears to write my first novel, *Wiff and Dirty George*. I'm very excited about this novel and hardly know what to do. I live with my wife, Heather, in South Londonderry, Vermont. Heather handles all of my school visits.

*Nonfiction
Rocks!*

There is nothing more exciting than sharing my books with children of all ages throughout the country. I look forward to visiting your school and have included some important information to make the visit a success. The success of a visit hinges on how well the students are prepared. Familiarity with the books generates excitement and invites student participation during a presentation. Here are some suggested activities:

- Read the books aloud to students (librarian or teacher)
- Write about/draw favorite animals
- Have students write their own story and illustrate it

- Have students prepare questions for me (note cards are great!)
- Do extensions on each book: perform the poems in ***Ocean Soup-Tide Pool Poems***; write a review of ***Wiff and Dirty George***; read ***Saving Manatees*** and begin an "adopt a manatee" campaign in your school; read ***Whose Shoes-A Shoe for Every Job*** and tell about your favorite pair of shoes; learn the words to Steve's song, *Whose Shoes Will You Wear?* and help him sing it with his ukulele when he gets to your school!
- Have teachers/students visit my website www.steveswinburne.com for more information, teacher tips, nature links, bookmarks, etc. Better yet, Xerox the teacher tips and distribute to the teachers along with the books!



School Visit Information

Cost: 2012-2013 school year

Full-day school visit: \$1200 (3 presentations) plus expenses (transportation, lodging, meals)

During a full day visit (AT ONE SCHOOL) I make three 50 - 60 minute presentations. Here is a **sample** full day schedule:

8:30 AM	arrive and set up
9:00 – 9:45	1st presentation (K-1)
10:00 – 11:00	2nd presentation (2-3)
11:00 – 1:30	lunch / sign books
1:30 – 2:30	3rd presentation (4-5)
2:30 – ?	finish signing books

I tailor each session to fit the age level attending, therefore it is important to keep the groups at the same approximate age level. I have spoken to students from pre-K to 12th grade. **Ideal** group size ranges from 50-150 students (but I will do larger groups).

NOTE: Teacher and aide attendance is a must! It insures appropriate behavior and enables effective follow-up discussions and activities with the students. It has been my experience that the kids are better behaved when their regular classroom teachers are nearby, modeling good behavior.

In every presentation, I will:

- ❖ focus on the importance of reading and writing
- ❖ kickstart a passion for writing nonfiction in your young authors
- ❖ highlight the use of strong verbs and vivid details
- ❖ explore the world of sea turtles, wolves, bears, manatees, owls and other amazing animals
- ❖ answer questions from students and teachers

Supplies Needed

- ✓ LOW AV cart w/ 3 plug-ins + ext. cord and computer speakers
- ✓ large screen (to show my power point)
- ✓ 2 display tables (3' x 6' at least)
- ✓ wireless handheld microphone w/ stand
- ✓ water to drink
- ✓ a copy of each book to display

For More Information or to Schedule a School Visit with Steve Swinburne

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