norahdooley.com Storyteller • Author • Educator

“Norah Dooley puts all of her heart and soul into her craft, whether it be storytelling, writing, writing in collaboration with students, teaching or directing. She uses her charisma to excite her audience/students and draw them into her circle of warm encouragement. This often allows kids to take new risks with their emerging abilities.” - Louise Doud, English and Reading teacher, Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA

AUTHOR VISIT
Everybody Has a Story
Storyteller and children’s author Norah Dooley shares with students her enthusiasm for writing and her experiences in creating books including her four part series about her Cambridge neighborhood; the titles include Everybody Cooks Rice, Everybody Bakes Bread and Everybody Serves Soup. Her books are written for a younger audience, but are used to inspire and inform writers of all ages. Norah explores how guided visualization, conversation, storytelling, brainstorming, mapping and webbing of ideas and drawing are all part of her writing process and tells folktales to support the elements of noticing, mapping and storytelling. Students learn about the bookmaking process such as text drafts, illustration sketches, galleys and proof sheets, as well as research techniques, manuscript revisions and publishing protocol. The overall goal is to leave students with an understanding of how a book is created and an eagerness to tell or write their own story.

Post Performance Student Workshop
Students are lead in theater and storytelling games to practice finding the story in their everyday life and try oral exercises to capture images that can be used to develop plot, characters and rich detail about life experiences. After learning to find the ingredients students may then work on their own to create a finished work as an oral story or a written piece. Grade Levels: 1-8
Workshop Length: 45-60 minutes
Participants: 30 Price: *$150 each
*Must be scheduled with Everybody Has a Story presentation.

Booking in Massachusetts schools contact:
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All others please contact Norah directly at: norah.dooley@gmail.com 617-460-3544 cell
Please see website for storytelling and a full listing of programs: www.norahdooley.com

Everybody Has a Story
Grade Levels: 1-2, 3-5, 6-8
Performance Time: 45 - 60 minutes
Audience Limit: 200 (Grades1-2 and 3-5); 300 (Grades 6-8)

Single: $500 Double: $900 Triple: $1,250
Travel Fees: call for quote - may be included in the 2 days of doubles

* Stories from the Neighborhood
Using song, movement and music Norah tells students about her family and neighbors and how she incorporated their stories into her books. This interactive program includes stories from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. Students participate, making sound effects, singing, chanting and clapping along.
Grade Levels: preK-2
Performance Time: 30 minutes
Single: $400 Double: $750 Triple: $1,000 Discounts may apply when scheduled with Everybody Has a Story presentation.

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Norah Dooley is an "...entrancing storyteller," (Scott Alarik, Boston Globe) critically acclaimed children's author, and educator who performs in schools, libraries, festivals and conferences. Norah Dooley, educator, children's author and storyteller performs in schools, libraries and conferences and specializes in teaching people of all ages how important their stories are. Norah was featured as an Exchange Place storyteller at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, the Newport Folk Festival, Clearwater Festival and several Cambridge Revels. Norah is on the roster of Young Audiences at yamass.org is a nationally credentialed teaching artist through Young Audience. For over 20 summers she has told stories to 1000s of children through ReadBoston.org. The past four summers she’s been featured as a historical storyteller for SaveThe Harbor.org.


She is the founder of the curriculum based high school storytelling program, StoriesLive.org, and was a co-founder of massmouth.org and the Boston Story Slam series.

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–Norma Elias, Young Audiences, program review

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