



Mary Reaves Uhles has illustrated many books for kids including, **A Tuba Christmas**, which has received a starred review from Kirkus. She has also worked as an animator on projects for Warner Brothers and Fisher-Price Interactive. Mary lives with her family in Nashville, TN.



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## Plan A Visit

**Contact me for virtual visit pricing:**

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I'm a Teaching Artist on the TN Arts Commission's Teaching Artist Roster. Public schools in Tennessee can apply to have my school visit fees (including virtual visits) covered through grants like the Student Ticket Subsidy program. Visit [www.tnartseducation.org](http://www.tnartseducation.org)

As a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, MidSouth Chapter, public schools nationwide can apply for grants to cover my virtual classroom visit. Visit [midsouth.scbwi.org](http://midsouth.scbwi.org)

*"You got a 10 year old boy to think reading is cool. You have no idea how hard that is. Thank you."*

Shain Pounds,  
Children's Library Associate,  
Nashville Public Library

*"Thank you for a delightful time on Friday. The kids and teachers are still talking about it! I appreciate your time sharing your experience with my students. It was wonderful!"*

Michelle O'Bryant  
Library Media Specialist,  
Moore Magnet School  
Clarksville-Montgomery County School System

Mary Reaves Uhles  
Children's Book Illustrator  
School Visits and Workshops



## My Visit Programs:

Programs can be designed for either small groups (1-2 classes) or larger multi-class presentations.



## Authors, Illustrators, and Secret Helpers

Perfect for: grades K-1

Kindergartners and first graders are already learning about the role the author and illustrator play in bringing a story to life. I tell kids about the two secret, invisible people who also shape a book - the editor and art director. I'll show how I make decisions about creating an illustration with examples from my own books. Finally I let the kids become the art directors! A few kids are chosen to give me details of a monster and then I illustrate it for the whole class to see.

## Illustrate This!

Perfect for: grades 1-4

Early elementary grades are learning how to describe and explain a text by the clues in the illustrations. I'll show the kids an overview of my illustration process and how I choose certain details such as color, angle, and character expression to convey the story. At the end the students become illustrators! I give them each a piece of the story and they illustrate the main idea using the details we talked about.



## A Path for Emerging Artists

Perfect for: Middle and High school students interested in sequential art as a career.

Many middle and high school students dream of art as their path to college and career. Some may not think it's possible. I'll tell my story of becoming an illustrator and cite my love of reading for making it happen. At the end we'll do a Q&A period where the students can ask me anything. Longer workshops include an "Illustrate This" project and class critique.

