

Testimonials

*"Dr. Franks-Randall's presentation was a wonderful experience for our students. Learning how a real author applied the writing process to her craft was an inspiration. Dr. Franks-Randall's book, **Jamal and Me** captured the true essence of childhood issues and dealt with them in a positive, realistic manner."*

Jacquelyn Wilhelm, Church Hill Elementary School, Principal

"Playground Heroes is great. Other kids need to read it!"

Tyler, aged 7

"Playground Heroes has been added to my list of recommended reading for families seeking children's books that to help support their child's socio-emotional development. Dr. Franks-Randall unpacks the complexity of dealing with bullies by creating characters and a story-line that feels realistic and authentic. I especially appreciate the author's selection of strong female protagonists and the support they receive from their family when they successfully make use of the anti-bullying skills taught to them at home and school. The bright and colorful illustrations only reinforce the power of the story and characters. There is obvious potential for the book to be used as a tool to teach anti-bullying techniques."

Mark T. Sweeney, Ph.D.
Licensed Professional Counselor
Executive Director
The Capital Region Children's Center



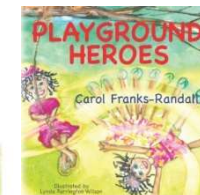
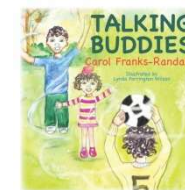
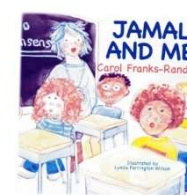
My name is Carol Franks-Randall, EdD and I began my career as a special education teacher, and became a Special Education Administrator, Elementary Principal and School Superintendent in New York. After retirement, I moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore and continue to work in both New York and Maryland as an educational consultant, workshop presenter, and community volunteer. In November 2017, I published my first children's book, **Jamal and Me**, and conduct author visits in elementary schools.



My second book, **Playground Heroes** was published in June, 2018. My third book, **Talking Buddies** was published in May 2019. I also write a monthly column for my local newspaper entitled Dr. Toughlove's Book Club, where I review children's books. I conduct podcast interviews with children's authors, illustrators, librarians, principals and college professors.

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Author Visits

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Children's Book Author



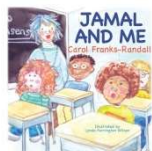
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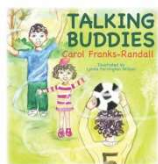
Books



Jamal and Me is a story about a boy who moves from the city to the suburbs and has a difficult time adjusting to his new school. His teacher thinks he is nothing but trouble and should be sent to another school. His loving but firm principal comes to the rescue.



Playground Heroes is a story about a boy named Charlie who struggles in school. He is a target for bullies. Two sisters, who are kind and courageous, stand up to the bullies and serve as a model for how to combat bullying.



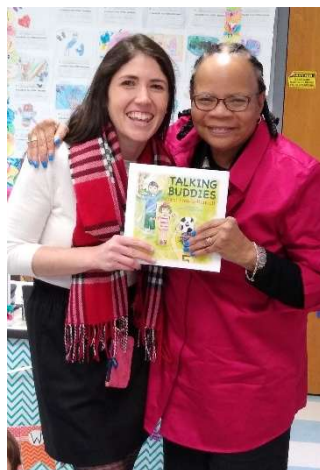
Talking Buddies is a story about a boy named Alejandro who has moved from his native land to the United States. He struggles with learning a new language and being in unfamiliar surroundings. He meets Tyler and Lila who are also learning a second language in school and they help each other learn their respective native languages.

All three books are available for purchase at Amazon.com.

Tips for a Successful Author Visit

Author visits can be a wonderful way to inspire students to become better readers and writers. Children seem to love meeting a “real live author” and asking questions about how to write books. Here are some tips for schools to think about prior to the visit:

- Grade level groups seem to work best! **An Author Visit Questions and Preparation Form** can be found on my website on the **Contact Page**.
- It would be great if the students could learn a bit about me prior to my visit by checking out my website on the **About Me Page**.
- If at all possible, have either the Library-Media Specialist or a student (4th and 5th graders love to do this) introduce me at the grade level meetings/assemblies.
- Please let me know if you would like to arrange for students to buy books in advance, and they will be personally signed when the visit takes place.



Student Presentations

My presentations are designed to inspire children to enjoy reading and writing. You probably have some questions about how this is all going to work. On the **Contact Page** of my website, you can take a look at the **Frequently Asked Questions Guide for Carol Franks-Randall** for more information. Here are some general guidelines:

- After introductions, I read my book(s) aloud to grade level groups. Questions and discussions are designed for the developmental level of the students.
- My books are written to appeal to students in grades K-5.
- I bring coloring sheets and writing worksheets which have been developed for each grade level. After the read aloud takes place, students work on the worksheets provided.
- In addition to the worksheets, I bring art materials. Students need to bring pencils and have a hard surface to write/color on.
- I usually conduct full-day visits, but my visit can be customized to the needs of your school.