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CARMEN AGRA DEEDY (Author) was born in Havana, and emigrated to the United States during the Cuban Revolution. Her books include: *Martina*, *The Beautiful Cockroach* available in English, Spanish, and audio editions); *Agatha's Feather Bed: Not Just Another Wild Goose Story* (available in English and Spanish editions); *The Library Dragon*; *The Secret of Old Zeb*, *The Last Dance*; and *The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*.

Presentation Titles: Scare Me Silly: A Collection of Spinechilling Tales; Fairy and Folk Tales, Myths, and Legends; Heroic and Outrageous Women.

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GAIL LANGER KARWOSKI (Author) is a former teacher and the author of nine award-winning books including: *Quake! Disaster in San Francisco, 1906*; *Surviving Jamestown: The Adventures of Young Sam Collier*; and *Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West With Lewis and Clark*. She is also the co-author of a collection of short stories, *The Tree That Owns Itself and Other Adventure Tales from Out of Georgia's Past*.

Presentation Titles: Stories of Everyday Folks Living in Extraordinary Times for elementary students; Eyewitness to History for intermediate students; From Idea to Finished Book: History as a Springboard for Story for grades 4 and up and teachers.

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MICHAEL P. WHITE (Illustrator) has exhibited in galleries and created original works for many corporations. He is the illustrator of *The Secret of Old Zeb*; *Harriet's Horrible Hair Day*; and *The Library Dragon*. He lives in Atlanta, GA.

Presentation Titles: The Start of Something Big: A Hands-On Program.

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Presentation Title: Encountering Nature: Illustrating Books about the Natural World.

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JOHN MCCUTCHEON (Author) is an accomplished musician, storyteller, songwriter, educator and author, has recorded twenty-nine albums and appears regularly on National Public Radio. He is the author of *Christmas in the Trenches* and the music collection *Mightier Than the Sword*.

Presentation Titles: Songwriting for upper elementary and older; Living to Tell the Tale: American Folk Instruments for budding musicians (showcasing range of string instruments, including hammer dulcimer, banjo, fiddle, guitar, autoharp, jaw harp, and hambone).

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Intended audience: Grades 3-12 E, M, H

MARY ANN RODMAN (Author) is a former school media specialist and university librarian. She is the author of *First Grade Stinks!*, *Yankee Girl*, and *My Best Friend*.

Presentation Titles: Turning Your Life Into Fiction; Historical Fiction and the Classroom; How Historical IS Historical Fiction?; The Writer's Life; Writing Historical Fiction in Five Easy Steps; Just for Kids...HOW TO BE A WRITER!

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MICHAEL G. MONTGOMERY (Author & Illustrator) has created images for newspapers, magazines, books and advertising agencies. He is the illustrator of *Night Rabbits*; *The Amazing Mr. Franklin: Or the Boy Who Read Everything*; and *Santa's Eleven Months Off* and the co-author of the book *Over the Candlestick: Classic Nursery Rhymes and the Real Stories Behind Them*.

Presentation Titles: Drawings that Talk: How an Illustrator Communicates, An Interactive Workshop.

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Intended audiences: Grades K-12 E, M, H

TOM GONZALEZ (Illustrator) born in Havana, moved as a child to the United States, where he became friends with Carmen Deedy. An artist and painter, he directed advertising campaigns for such clients as Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, NASCAR, the NFL, and McDonald's. *14 COWS FOR AMERICA* is his first picture book.

Presentation Title: The Making of *14 COWS FOR AMERICA* and other Tales.

Hometown: Atlanta, GA.
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Intended audience: Grades 3-5 E

DANNY SCHNITZLEIN (Author) was fascinated by dinosaurs as a kid, "because they were proof that fantastic creatures and monsters were real...and that meant anything was possible!" He is the author of *The Monster Who Ate My Peas*, (read by Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz for a television audience); *The Monster Who Did My Math* and *Trick or Treat on Monster Street*.

Presentation Titles: The Spark to Write: Sing, Laugh Out Loud, and Get Bitten by the Writing Bug!

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ANNE GINKEL (Author) was a teacher in the United States and England and for many years owned Hobbit Hall Children's Bookstore in Atlanta. She is the author of *I've Got an Elephant* (Teacher's Guide available).

Presentation Titles: Making Picture Books.

Hometown: Atlanta, GA
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ELISE WESTON (Author) spent part of each summer on the South Carolina coast, even in the early 1940s when the United States was at war. She is the author of *The Coastwatcher*.

Presentation Titles: Growing Up in Wartime: Then and Now.

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