

# Jackie Yeager

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*I would love to visit your school!*

## ***This & That***

Schools may schedule up to four events per day, including any combination of:

- Classroom presentation
- Library presentation
- Book Signing

**Free Books!** Schedule a full day event, and receive two FREE books for your school library, signed bookmarks for students, and a small group student lunch Q & A.

Copies of my book(s) should be available to students in advance of any school visit. Students do not have to purchase the books, but they should be familiar with what I write. Pre-event sales can be arranged through a local bookstore or with Amberjack Publishing. I'd be happy to assist you with that!

## ***Availability & Fees***

**Booking now for the 2019-2020 school year!**

- Full day includes up to four presentations plus a small group author lunch/ book signing.
- Half day includes 1 or 2 back-to-back presentations
- Two schools/ libraries can share costs if they're within reasonable driving distance.
- Monroe County (Rochester, NY) and surrounding areas: \$600 full day/ \$300 half day
- Buffalo and Syracuse: \$700 full day/\$350 half day
- In New York state (two hour radius or further, excluding NYC): \$750 full day/ \$450 half day
- Out of state and NYC: Please contact me for details.

## ***Presentation Options***

### **Becoming a Published Author**

In this presentation I'll discuss my personal journey to publication, what it takes to get a story published the traditional way, and the importance of perseverance when chasing a dream.

*Topics include: manuscript drafts, revision, query letters, publishing houses, literary agents, manuscript submissions, editing, book covers, advanced reader copies, and staying strong when rejection happens.*

*(45 minute presentation includes a 15 minute Q & A period and can be adapted for grades 2-8)*

### **Creating the Future One Story at a Time**

This creative writing focused presentation is centered around my middle grade novel, *Spin the Golden Light Bulb* and focuses on the importance of reading and writing futuristic-themed books and how they shape our immediate and long term future.

*Topics include: books set in the future, strategies for dreaming up story ideas, and tips for writing a believable, futuristic story. Students will brainstorm their own inventions that can later serve as a springboard to writing their own short-story.*

*(45 minute presentation includes a 15 minute Q & A session and can be adapted for grades 2-8)*

### **The Piedmont Classroom Challenge**

Students will participate in a classroom version of the Piedmont Challenge as seen in the Crimson Five middle grade books. Working in teams of 5-7, students will solve 2-3 hands-on tasks which promote teamwork, creative thinking, and problem solving. Teams will compete for the titles of: Most curious, Most creative, Most collaborative, Most colorful, Most courageous—the central themes in the Crimson Five books.

This workshop includes a 15-minute Q & A session.

**(60 minute presentation can be adapted for grades 2-8)**

*Presentations can be combined and customized to fit your school's needs.*

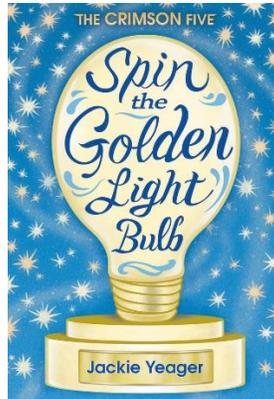
***I also do Odyssey of the Mind team visits!***

## BOOKS BY JACKIE YEAGER

THE CRIMSON FIVE | BOOK 1

### *Spin the Golden Light Bulb*

THINK MORE. WORK HARD. DREAM BIG.



**The year is 2071.**

Kia Krumpet is eleven years old.

She bites her nails (a lot) and flies an aero-scooter. And she dreams of building her sixty-seven inventions at PIPS, the Piedmont Inventor's Prep School.

**The event is the Piedmont Challenge.**

A challenge in which all 6th grade students solve a series of tasks. The winners compete in teams to earn a place at PIPS, a place where they can let their imaginations run free. The rest are forced to study one school category for all of 7th and 8th grade. (That's two whole years!)

**The place is Camp Piedmont.**

The coolest and most innovative camp around.

But in a world full of floating playgrounds, switching bunk beds, and robotic monkey assistants, there's more at stake than anyone expected, and only one team with the courage to figure out what that is.

**Meet The Crimson Five.**

*Because sometimes it takes a friend (or four) to help make your dreams come true.*

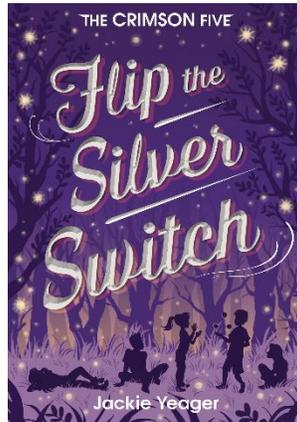
**"These plot lines make space for the audience to solve problems alongside the characters, teaching useful lessons about teamwork, family, and forgiveness." – (Foreword Reviews)**

**Named to the NTSA BEST STEM BOOKS list: K-12 2019**

THE CRIMSON FIVE | BOOK 2

## *Flip the Silver Switch*

BE CURIOUS. BE CREATIVE. BE COLLABORATIVE.  
BE COLORFUL. BE COURAGEOUS.



Fresh off their summer at Camp Piedmont, The Crimson Five are together again, headed for the Piedmont Global Championships. This time, Kia and her New York teammates travel to Quebec where they're challenged to solve a new mind-bending task against 99 international teams. But at the Universite de Creativite, they discover a world where inventions like Thought Translation Machines and Clothes Copiers aren't the only secrets kept.

While Kia, Ander, Mare, Jax, and Jillian attempt to create a life-changing invention in just two weeks, they're faced with information that could alter the course of the Global Championships and force their team out of the competition. With their newfound friendship at stake, they realize that staying in Quebec and solving the Global task will require something more than just skill and imagination.

The team must focus and unite like never before to solve their hardest task yet if they have any chance of winning a coveted spot on the year-long Swirl and Spark Creativity Tour and keeping their team together.

**The Crimson Five are together again.**

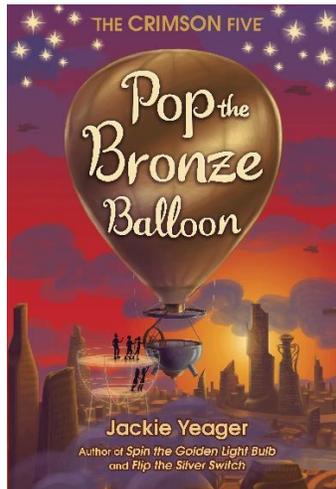
*Because sometimes it takes a whole team to help you see things clearly.*

AND COMING FEBRUARY 18, 2020...

THE CRIMSON FIVE | BOOK 3

## *Pop the Bronze Balloon*

WONDER. QUESTION. IMAGINE. SOAR



### **The Crimson Five make their International Debut!**

Kia Krumpet and the rest of the Crimson Five team of young inventors embark on the year-long Swirl and Spark Creativity Tour where they're tasked with inspiring the children of the world and creating one final invention. But the rules have changed and there's a catch. They must create an invention with the teams from France and Switzerland—an ultimate test of teamwork. If they succeed by inventing an object that will change the course of their futures, they'll finally take their rightful places at PIPS, the Piedmont Inventor's Prep School. If they don't, the Piedmont Challenge will become a thing of the past.

### **The Crimson Five are traveling the globe.**

*Because sometimes an unexpected journey is what dreams are truly made of.*

## A BIT ABOUT JACKIE YEAGER



Jackie Yeager is a middle grade author living in Rochester, NY with her real life prince charming and two royally amazing kids. When she's not writing or living in her own fairy tale world, she spends her time cheering for the crew at marathons and triathlons, track and cross country meets, and hockey games. Yeah, she does a lot of cheering!

She holds a BA degree in Psychology and a MS degree in Education from Nazareth College. She has worked as a retail service manager, corporate sales trainer, elementary school reading teacher, ghostwriter, and stay-at-home mom. She also spent seven years coaching Odyssey of the Mind, an international creative problem-solving competition for kids, where her teams made several trips to the New York State Finals and once upon a time competed at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. She now writes middle grade fiction that answers the question, "What if?" and encourages kids to *Think More. Work Hard. Dream Big.*

Jackie's debut middle grade novel, *Spin the Golden Light Bulb*, the first of The Crimson Five series, was published January 9, 2018. It's a story of futuristic magical realism which follows five eleven-year old kids through the levels of a creative, task-solving, invention-building competition. It was inspired by her son's Odyssey of the Mind team, and their ability to be curious, creative, collaborative, colorful, and courageous while working as a team—the central theme of the books. *Flip the Silver Switch*, the second in the series, was published on August 21, 2018 and the third, *Pop the Bronze Balloon*, will be released on February 18, 2020.

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