## SCHOOL VISITS!



**Presentations:** 

Journey to a Book: Diane takes students through her writing process, from the first *AHA*! moment through drafting, revising, copyediting, proofreading, and choosing cover art to the finished product — a bound book!

Villains and Monsters: Diane talks about the "bad guys" of classic fairy tales, describes her own evil witches, bad fairies, and nasty monsters, and has students create either illustrations or descriptions of their own villains.

**Baking a Book:** Diane describes the process of publishing *Baker's Magic*, with a focus on research (even in a novel!) and revising.

Each presentation is 45 minutes long and includes PowerPoint slides, readings from Diane's novels, and a Q and A session. They are suitable for grades 3-6. To schedule a school visit, please contact Diane at dlzahler@gmail.com.

For more information on Diane and her books, visit : www.dianezahler.com

## **DIANE ZAHLER**

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR



## **DIANE'S BOOKS**



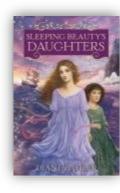
Zita is the last-born of thirteen princesses. When her twelve sisters fall ill, she and her friends must break the curse or the twelve princesses will surely dance to their deaths. (HarperCollins 2010)

Lilia must save her friend Kai from a terrible enchantment caused by their perilous encounter with the Elf-King and his beautiful daughter. The only way Lilia can break the spell is to find a jewel of ancient power hidden



in the North Kingdoms. (HarperCollins 2011)

A dreadful enchantment has transformed Princess Meriel's brothers into swans .To rescue her beloved brothers, Meriel must act quickly! Once first frost reaches the lake, the princes will have to fly south — or perish. (HarperCollins 2012)



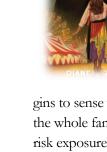
A classic fairy tale is transformed into a dazzling story about Sleeping Beauty's daughters, Aurora and Luna, and the perilous quest they undertake when Aurora falls prey to a devastating curse. (HarperCollins 2013)

Bee is an orphan, alone and starving. In

desperation, she steals a bun from a bakery, and to her shock, the baker offers her a job. As she learns to bake, Bee finds that she has a magical power. When a new friend desperately needs her help against an evil mage, Bee must



try to save the kingdom, and, along the way, discover the meaning of family. (Capstone 2016)



Eleven-year-old Mattie Marvelwood comes from a family of traveling performers. But the Marvelwoods have a deep secret. When they join Master Morogh's Circus of Wonders, the strange ringmaster be-

gins to sense what that secret is, endangering the whole family. Should the Marvelwoods risk exposure by trying to beat the duplicitous ringmaster at his own game? (Boyds Mills Press 2017)



Diane grew up in Ithaca, New York, where she spent most of her time reading children's books. In high school and college she worked in the children's room of the public library, and she kept reading children's books. After college, she came to New York City and got a job in children's book publishing, And finally she decided to write her own!