

Ed Spicer

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Founded the young adult review column for the Michigan Reading Journal and published more than 500 book reviews over the course of 13 years
 - Wrote more than 45 curriculum guides for a variety of publishers, including Houghton Mifflin, Random House, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster, and others
 - Currently reviewing for Horn Book Magazine
 - Current committee member for the Schneider Family Book Awards Committee; significant past committee work for the American Library Association includes membership on the Printz Committee, Morris Committee, Margaret Edwards Committee, Best Books for Young Adults, Caldecott Committee, and Children's Notable Books
 - More than a decade of paid speaking engagements about new books
 - Certified teacher; seventeen years of creative classroom experience
 - A passion for sharing literature and building a literate community
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999-2016 North Ward Elementary School, Allegan, MI

First grade teacher

- Established reputation as a resource for other educators regarding new books
- Encouraged a collaborative relationship between students, parents, and school; created a unique classroom environment each year tailored to the diversity of students and families
- Provided a student-centered, challenging learning environment focused on developing life-long learners unafraid to take academic risks
- Co-directed Allegan's high school annual writing competition from 2003 to 2016; oversaw publication of the literary journal and coordinated five panels to evaluate poetry (lead judge), short stories, personal narratives, essays, and cover art

2007- present Independent Curriculum Consultant

- Developed curriculum guides, author studies, and reading group guides (preschool through adult) for major publishing houses and authors
 - Currently developing guides for all of Houghton Mifflin's Scientists in the Field series, both new titles and backlist
 - Evaluated reading levels for Simon & Schuster's early reader series
 - Presented twice for the Michigan division of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) on critical elements of book reviews and how to interact with students
 - Multiple presentations for the Cook Library Center in Grand Rapids on a variety of topics for students of all ages
 - More than twenty-five paid presentations to various libraries and educational organizations throughout Michigan related to Caldecott Committee membership
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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI
MA, Education, Reading Specialist endorsement

PUBLICATIONS

Spicer, Ed. *The Well-Stocked Bookshelf*. Michigan Reading Journal (from 2005-2015). Note: I founded this YA review column for the Michigan Reading Association, which began as informal reviews for the MRA, News and Views newsletter circa 2002).

Spicer, Ed. *Common Core State Standards, Nonfiction, and the Need for Common Sense*. LMC, Library Media Connection. Volume 32 No. 2, October 2013.

Spicer, Ed. *World Builder: Tamora Pierce*. School Library Journal (cover story). Volume 59 No. 6, June 2013.

Spicer, Ed. *Picture Book Creation and Storytelling Build a Culture of Writing and Thinking*. VOYA Voice of Youth Advocates. Volume 35 No. 5, December 2012

Spicer, Ed. *Flying High: The Improbable True Tale of Debut Novelist John Corey Whaley*. School Library Journal (feature story). May 2012.

Spicer, Ed, Penni Spicer. *Can We Get a Witness? (or at least someone who cares enough to read what we have written)*. Media Spectrum Volume 34 No. 1, Spring 2007.

Spicer, Ed. Numerous curriculum guides (links to samples below; additional guide links upon request):

(for 13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher) http://www.penguin.com/static/images/yr/pdf/13ReasonsWhy_CCLP.pdf

(for Two Friends by Dean Robbins, Illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko) https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/lesson-plans/migrated-featured-files/two_friends_reading_guide.pdf

(for The Next Wave by Elizabeth Rusch) <http://www.sciencemeetsadventure.com/pdfs/NextWave.pdf>

AWARDS

Outstanding Person for Education, Allegan County School Board Association. June 2016.

Cool Teacher Award, WGVU PBS Kids, 2004.
