

Featured Speakers



Mary Peace Finley is a Coloradoan, born and raised in southeast Colorado where she attended school for twelve years. She graduated from the University of Denver, and has lived in Mexico, England, Uruguay, Costa Rica, and on Saipan and Maui. When Mary was thirty-three, she began writing; she is now the author of nine books and has just completed a contemporary “older” Y.A. novel—a real change from historical fiction. Her last four trade books have been blessed with multiple awards, including a Colorado Book Award. She has been a scriptwriter for the P.B.S. series “Wild America,” is a former English-as-a-Foreign-Language instructor, and is a past Regional Advisor of RMC-SCBWI. She loves giving book talks and teaching adult writers. Her website is www.marypeacefinley.com



Sandy Ferguson Fuller in 1994 established Alp Arts Co., a literary agency specializing in children’s and teen/YA books. A professional in the publishing industry since 1974, Sandy works as literary agent, editor, consultant, and also published writer and illustrator. She represents both established authors and illustrators, as well as select, new picture book proposals from the U.S. and abroad. Her 35+ year children’s book career began in 1972 as a student with Maurice Sendak at Yale. She also works as a part-time bookseller at the BookWorm in Edwards, CO.



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