

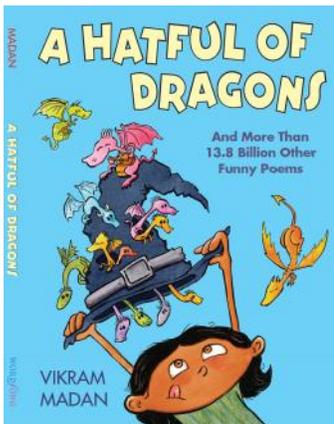


SCHOOL VISITS WITH AUTHOR-ARTIST VIKRAM MADAN

WHO: Vikram Madan is an award-winning Seattle-area author and artist specializing in humorous poetry for kids. He regularly visits schools (in-person and over ZOOM/Google-Meet) to meet with K-6 students in both small and large groups.

WHY INVITE VIKRAM: Vikram brings a unique mix of experiences and perspectives into the classroom:

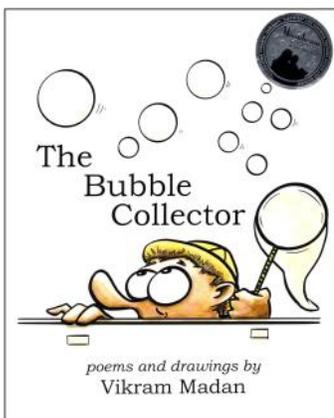
- Author-illustrator of three award-winning collections of funny poems
- Author of a new early-reader series releasing in 2021
- Author-illustrator of a new early-reader graphic novel releasing in 2022
- Professional visual-artist with art studio and gallery in Seattle
- Former newspaper editorial cartoonist winning awards from Society of Professional Journalists and Washington Press Association
- Engineer by training. Background in electronics engineering, bioengineering, and software engineering. Scientific research experience. Worked in tech. Values 'STEAM' (STEM + ARTS).
- Born and raised in India. Brings diverse viewpoint into the classroom.



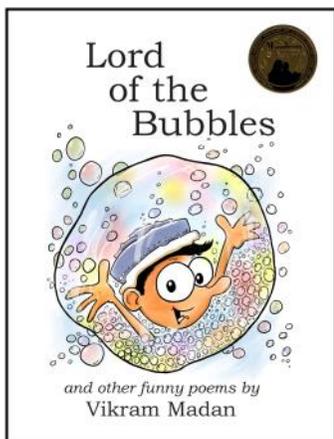
WHAT: Vikram's presentations to students include:

- poetry readings from his award-winning poetry books.
- behind-the-scenes insight into the creative process
- a rousing creativity exercise in which Vikram does live-illustration and poetry-writing by tapping into kids' imaginations
- presentations supplemented with animated visuals that engage even the most restless kid, and are tuned to grade level and audience size
- More complex poems and topics for older grades; simpler poems, story-telling, and drawing demonstrations for younger grades.
- Q&A about being an author, artist, & illustrator.
- Videos of the artist in action (if and when appropriate)

The presentations usually leave kids inspired to read, write, and draw.



How Much Does it Cost: Please see my website (link below) for posted rates. For physical visits well outside the Seattle area, please assume there will be additional charges based on distance, travel time, lodging, and meals. If you can arrange for visits at multiple schools, that will allow sharing the travel overhead.



Additional Benefits for In-Person Visits Only: Kids will be able to purchase Vikram's books at a discount and have them signed by the author. For every ten books purchased by students, Vikram will donate one book to the classroom or school library.

More Information: <https://www.vikrammadan.com/school-visits.html>

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"This visual connection to literacy is so important to kids this age. The Bubble Collector is a great example of this." - **Librarian, Redmond Middle School**

"We loved having Vikram come visit our school and bring writing alive for our students! Our second graders were fascinated to learn about how Vikram started out as an author and pursued his passion. His advice to keep practicing what you love resonated with us. Vikram's visit was the perfect enrichment opportunity for us." - **Second Grade Teacher, Cedar River Elementary**

"Vikram's presentation was humorous and inspiring for students. He encouraged students through his own stories, poetry and art to persevere as they pursue their unique dreams and aspirations. This important message cannot be repeated enough and Vikram did so eloquently and with grace." - **Librarian, Thoreau Elementary**

"We had the honor of hosting Vikram Madan in our class. After his presentation, each student dropped everything and started writing! The kids in my class adore [The Bubble Collector], and I love it because it's very clever and fun to read." - **Fourth Grade Teacher, Spiritridge Elementary School**

"In addition to engaging students in the fun, fantasy and whimsy of his poetry, Mr. Madan also communicated the invaluable lesson of perseverance in the writing process." - **Librarian, Audubon Elementary School**

"Seeing your artwork has opened up a world of possibilities for my students. They are now really excited about art." - **Elementary School Teacher, Louisa Boren STEM K-8 School**

"Vikram's poetry and illustrations are engaging, and my students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. They stayed through recess to talk with him and had to be persuaded to return to their classes when the bell rang! We had the best time." - **Librarian, Stevenson Elementary School**

"Vikram's program and presentations were both interesting and entertaining. The students learned how to turn ordinary poetry, into compelling works. Vikram was very personable and patient with all students, K-6. I would highly recommend Vikram Madan for any elementary audience." - **Librarian, Echo Lake Elementary**

Comments from Kids:

- "I liked your book before, but now I like it even more"
- "We learned a lot from you"
- "Thank you for coming to our class and showing us poetry"
- "You draw awesome cartoons! You write great poetry!"
- "Thank you for coming. You inspired me to create a poem."
- "We love your poetry!"
- "We had tons of fun when you came! Thank you for coming!"
- "I loved the pictures that were with the poems."
- "I loved The Bubble Collector"
- "Thank you for teaching us about poetry"
- "Please write more books!"

Comments from Educators:

- "We just loved when you visited our school" - *5th Grade Teacher*
- "My students LOVED [sic] you!" - *4th Grade Teacher*
- "Your presentation was fabulous and really fired up writers about our poetry unit in writing!" - *2nd Grade Teacher*
- "My students were lucky to hear you speak ... you were a huge hit" - *5th Grade Teacher*
- "Our students loved your talk" - *Elementary School Principal*