

PRESS RELEASE

Local Children's Author Visits Schools for Free

Ana Crespo, a local author, is offering to visit schools within a 50-mile radius from 80132 for free. Her first book in English, *THE SOCK THIEF*, is coming out in March of 2015, through Albert Whitman & Company. It tells the story of Felipe, a Brazilian boy who can't afford a soccer ball. So, when it's his turn to take one to school, Felipe uses a lot of creativity... And a few socks. The book targets kids from PK-2.

Originally from Brazil, Ana started writing for children just three years ago. Her main motivation was the lack of books featuring Brazilian characters. By offering free school visits, Ana hopes to reach a student population that, like her own children, has a hard time finding relatable book characters.

"The recent #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement has exposed the looks of children's literature in the United States," Ana explains. "The minority population is growing, but the number of children's books written by or about minorities is still extremely low."

Ana does not speak for the WeNeedDiverseBooks organization. She is not connected to the group, except as a supporter.

For more information about Ana Crespo: www.anacrespobooks.com

For information about school visits: <http://www.anacrespobooks.com/#!appearances/csw1>

For information about the #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement: <http://weneeddiveersebooks.tumblr.com/>

For details about minorities in children's books: <http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp>

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