



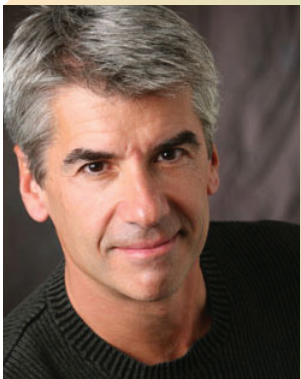
Mary Casanova is a popular Minnesota writer known for her books, speaking engagements, and classroom visits. She is an award-winning children's author of 20 books, from picture books to novels. Many of her books stem from her life on the Minnesota-Canadian border; other stories have taken her as far away as France, Belize, and Norway for research.

Whatever the setting for her books, Mary says, "When it comes to writing for children, I'm passionate about two things: writing books that matter and writing books that kids can't put down."

Mary's most recent book, *The Klipfish Code*, is a suspenseful middle-grade novel about a Norwegian girl who comes to understand how moral choices are not clear-cut during a time of war.

Other notable books by Mary Casanova include *One-Dog Canoe*, *Cecile: Gates of Gold*, *Stealing Thunder*, *Moose Tracks*, and *When Eagles Fall*. Mary lives in a 100 year-old house in northern Minnesota with her husband, Charlie, and three dogs.

More information about Mary Casanova may be found on her webpage at: <http://www.marycasanova.com/>



D.J. MacHale is well-known for many professional achievements, including the very popular "Pendragon" books, a #1 *New York Times* bestselling series. These fantasy books for older children take the form of Bobby Pendragon's journal of his adventures through time and space. D.J. plans for this series to encompass 10 books when complete. Much more information about the Pendragon series, the author, and readers is found at: <http://www.thependragonadventure.com/>

In addition to being a popular author, D.J. is also known as a director, executive producer, and creator of several popular television series and movies. He is the co-creator of the Nickelodeon series, *Are You Afraid of the Dark?*, producing all 91 episodes over 8 years, and has written and directed movies, TV series, and specials.

D.J. lives in Southern California with his wife, Evangeline, and daughter, Keaton, along with a golden retriever, Maggie and a kitten, Kaboodle.

Debra Frasier is a Minnesota author and illustrator well-known for *On the Day You Were Born*. This book welcoming new babies into the world has become a classic. Her most recent book, *A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake*, celebrates every year thereafter in the life of a child – and of our great green planet Earth. This ebullient celebration of the earth's journey around the sun to collect ingredients for a cake as big as a year, is a wonderful companion book!

Other books by Debra include *Miss Alaineus: a Vocabulary Disaster*, a hilarious romp through the usually not-so-funny world of vocabulary. Debra is currently at work on another book about the class in *Miss Alaineus*.

In addition to being an author, Debra has illustrated numerous books, made puppets, built wind sculptures, and creates art in a variety of media. She and her husband live in Minneapolis.

More information about Debra, as well as rich resources to accompany her books, may be found at: <http://www.debrafrasier.com>

