

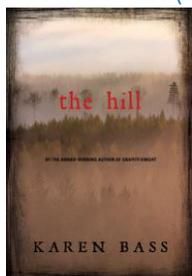


Karen Bass



Karen Bass is a multi-award-winning author of novels for young adult readers. *Graffiti Knight* won the CLA Young Adult Book Award, the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People, the R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature, and the CAA Exporting Alberta Award. *Uncertain Soldier* is nominated for the OLA Forest of Reading Red Maple Award. Her most recent book is *The Hill*, an eerie thriller that draws on the Cree *Wihitiko* legend. A former library manager, Karen now dedicates herself full-time to writing—and to reading.

Festival title(s)



The Hill (2016)

Jared's plane has crashed in the Alberta wilderness, and Kyle is first on the scene. When Jared insists on hiking up the highest hill in search of cell phone reception, Kyle hesitates; his Cree grandmother has always forbidden him to go near it. "Karen Bass draws on the Cree legend of the *Wihitiko* for her latest YA novel, which blends adventure, horror, and some good old-fashioned coming-of-age wisdom....The dynamic between the boys is the best part of the narrative, and will open many readers' eyes to the issues of race, class, and privilege."—Quill & Quire Editor's Choice

Grade level : 6 and up

Subject: Survival, racial tensions, Cree legend, fear

Selected Bibliography



Uncertain Soldier (2015)

A conflicted teenaged soldier. A boy caught between two countries. When the world only sees you as German, how can you forge your own identity?

Grade level : 6 and up

Subject: Relationship, history, WWII, POW camps,

Graffiti Knight (2014)

When speaking out is forbidden, how far will Wilm go to make his voice heard?

Grade level : 6 and up

Subject: Self-expression in an era of censorship and struggle

Presentation for grade 6 to 12.

Karen Bass can present to students from grade 6 and up, on a wide range of subject. Upon request, she can also run writing workshops for grades 3 to 6. Some of her themed presentations (other than the presentations based on her latest titles are mentioned below *Uncertain Soldier* & the Surprising Canadian History Behind It.

- History Through Novels (the WWII history that shows up in Karen's novels).
- *Graffiti Knight* (the story behind Karen's award-winning novel).
- Character & Plot workshops.
- Dynamic Description (workshop for grades 3-6).

Requirements

Session length: 60 minutes

Group size: maximum 100 (30 max for Workshops)

Set-up:

Table and chair.
Microphone / speaker,
screen+ projector