

## Praise for the books:

"A new series for emerging chapter-book readers combines the allure of baseball parks with the challenge of solving a mystery... certainly a double for the young enthusiast." – *Kirkus Reviews*

"Kelly throws in plenty of behind-the-scenes Fenway Park trivia (both in the story and in an appendix) and keeps the story moving at a quick pace, which should easily hold baseball-lovers' attention." – *Publishers Weekly*

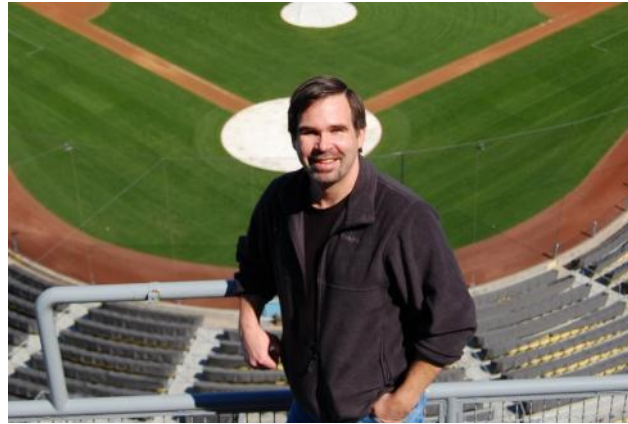
"...this book should draw baseball fans as well as budding whodunit aficionados." – *Booklist*

## Praise for the visits:

"David Kelly's discussion regarding what it takes to become an author and to publish a book was eye-opening for the students and allowed them a first-hand tie-in with the curriculum they are taught in their writing classes." – *Boxford Public Schools, Massachusetts*

"David Kelly's visit was a hit. He really connected with the audience and kept everyone engaged. Many of the kids in the audience were interested in writing their own stories and felt encouraged by hearing of David's perseverance through many rejections. It was a terrific afternoon for everyone!" – *Newton Free Library Children's Department, Newton, Massachusetts*

"David Kelly's participation brought a new dimension to our "Read Your Way to Fenway" program. His presentation was inspirational and well received. It provided a rare opportunity for our children to interact with a real author." – *Community Outreach Librarian, Boston Public Library*



David A. Kelly is an established book, magazine, and newspaper writer who has written on a range of subjects for a wide variety of outlets. He is the author of the successful *Ballpark Mysteries* series of children's chapter books, which follow cousins Mike and Kate as they visit different ballparks and encounter new mysteries. His other books include *Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse*, and the upcoming picture book *Baseball Mud*.

David lives near Boston and Fenway Park with his wife Alice, his sons Steven and Scott, and his dog Samantha.



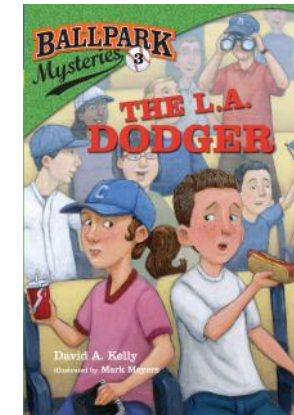
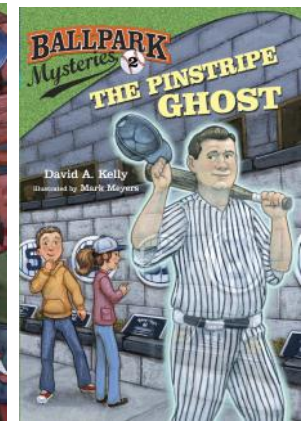
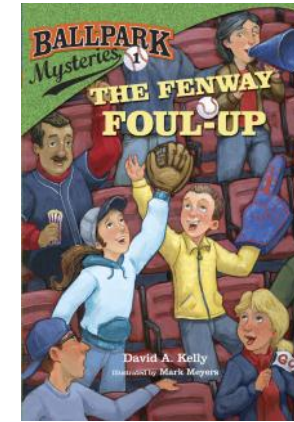
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Motivating reluctant readers?  
Trying to inspire your writers?  
Looking to engage the boys,  
but not lose the girls?



David A. Kelly addressing 140 fourth graders

**David A. Kelly** can help. Not only can he connect with young readers, but he can help inspire them to become better writers.

Through presentations that explore what it takes to develop an idea into a published book, Kelly helps students understand that you don't have to be a writer to write. Being creative isn't something that only artists do, it's something that everyone can do. If they try.

Kelly also explains how he overcame rejection and false starts to finally create a successful book series — *The Ballpark Mysteries!*



## DAVID'S BOOKS



**The Fenway Foul-Up**  
(Random House)  
ISBN 9780375867033

Thanks to Kate's mom, a sports reporter, cousins Mike Walsh and Kate Hopkins have tickets to the Red Sox game and All Access passes to Fenway Park. But as they're watching batting practice before the game, the lucky bat of Red Sox star slugger Big D is stolen. Can Kate and Mike solve the mystery before the Red Sox lose?



**The Pinstripe Ghost**  
(Random House)  
ISBN 9780375867040

Mike and Kate are in Yankee Stadium when someone mentions rumors that the ghost of Babe Ruth is haunting the stadium! A chill air blasts down a service hallway before every home game, along with various thumps and bumps. Is the Bambino really searching for his missing locker? Kate and Mike investigate.



**The L.A. Dodger**  
(Random House)  
ISBN 9780375868856

It's spring break and Kate and Mike are off to Los Angeles to visit Kate's dad, a scout for the Dodgers. But all is not sunny in L.A.—strange things are happening. Is someone after Mr. Hopkins' top-secret scouting reports? Mike and Kate are on the case.



**Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse**  
(Random House)  
ISBN 9780375856037

Before 1918, the Boston Red Sox were unstoppable, thanks to their pitcher-slugger Babe Ruth. But he was traded away to one of the worst teams in baseball, the New York Yankees. From then on, the Yankees became a golden team. And for over 80 years, the Red Sox just couldn't win another World Series. Then, in 2004, along came a scruffy, scrappy Red Sox team. Could they break Babe Ruth's curse and win it all?

## PRESENTATIONS

My presentations in schools and libraries help connect kids with books. I'm happy to customize a presentation, reading, or workshop for your needs.

Typical audiences for my presentations are grades 1 through 5.

Sample programs include:

### GROWING UP TO BE A WRITER

I never expected to be writer when I grew up. In fact, I wasn't even a very good reader. In this presentation I show that anyone can learn to read *and* write well. I talk about how I came to write books, the writing process, and the process of getting a book published.

### STORY STARTER WORKSHOP

Getting started is often the hardest part of writing. In this presentation, I explore the different things that have inspired my stories, and how I start to plot out a new mystery story. With smaller classes, we can brainstorm the key elements of a new mystery.

### DO IT OVER: EDITING MAKES IT BETTER

Writing is only part of getting published. In this presentation, I take students through the writing process with a focus on editing, including all the feedback that I received from my editor in New York. We'll look at how some of my stories started, and what was wrong with them. Then we'll explore how the editing process made them better.

### CUSTOM PROGRAMS

I will customize a presentation for your class, school, or library's needs. Sample topics include: how books get published, overcoming challenges and finding ways to succeed, the editing process,

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