

## Springer's Journey is based on a True Story...

### Where is Springer Now?

In the winter of 2002 an orphaned baby Orca whale named Springer captured the attention and the hearts of Northwestern residents when she wandered away from her family pod in the waters off British Columbia's Vancouver Island and appeared far to the south, in Puget Sound.

Lost, lonely and hungry, the little one and a half year old whale attempted to bond with boats near Seattle and might not have survived except for a ground breaking rescue effort. Transported back to her home waters, she became the first Orca ever successfully reunited with her family pod.

The author's captivating prose and the illustrator's evocative watercolors - both marked at times by gentle humor - bring to life Springer's lonely plight and her eventual joyful reunion with her family.

Signed and Dedicated copies are available for purchase for \$16.95 per copy, plus tax.



### About the Author and Illustrator...

Author Naomi Black ... is a computer geek and orator. A native Seattleite, Naomi grew up in the Pacific Northwest, often finding herself in the wilderness and on the sea.

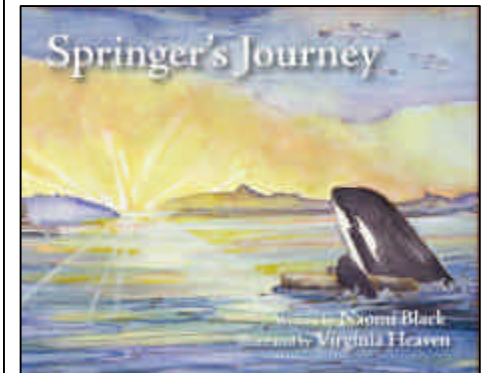
Illustrator Virginia Heaven ... taught art at Seattle Preparatory School in Seattle. She has traveled the Northwest coast by kayak as far north as the Queen Charlotte Islands. Springer's home waters of Johnstone Strait and the surrounding area are familiar territory, and Virginia's love of the wilderness and its creatures is apparent in the spirit of her illustrations.



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Educational  
Presentations  
&  
Information

# Class Visits!

**The Author and Illustrator of Springer's Journey are available to speak to your class. A number of developed presentations are available.**

**Story Fiction and Reality**, 45 minutes, Ages 5 - 10

- Felt board telling of actual events
- CD recordings of Springer's calls
- Live Book Reading
- Photos of actual characters and locations

**How to Publish a Book**, 45 minutes, Ages 10 & Up

- Typical book publication process
- Self publishing techniques and process
- Live book reading

**Writing and Illustrating Springer's Journey**, 45 minutes, Ages 10 & Up

- Combined presentation of writer and illustrator
- How Springer's Journey was written and illustrated
- Choices and experiences of the writing process
- Symbols and themes explored and explained
- Live Book reading

**Springer's Journey from the Writer's Standpoint**, 30, 45, 60 or 90 minutes, Ages 10-14 or 14 & Up

A) How to write a book:

- Choosing theme & story
- Research and material gathering
- Outlining, writing and discussion of language
- Illustrated versus non-illustrated books

B) Decisions & Choices by the author

C) Live book reading

**Springer's Journey from the Illustrator's Standpoint**, 30, 45, 60 or 90, Ages 10-14 or 14 & Up

A) How to illustrate a book:

- Illustrating for the story and for the audience
- Select a style and medium
- Using mood and symbols

B) Decisions & choices by the illustrator

C) Live book reading

All Presentations Include Q&A Session



## Educational Content

### Science / Environmental Stewardship

Through Springer's adventures, the reader is introduced to the native landscape, environment and sea creatures of the Pacific Northwest coast, and may question the mysterious deaths of endangered Orca whales.

### Grief & Loss

The story is told through the eyes of a young, orphaned Orca and explores the theme of grief and loss from the perspective of a child, questioning identity after loss and how to accept a new family.



## Pricing

### Full Day

\$400 for individual presenter

\$500 for both presenters

### Per Hour (partial day)

\$100 for individual presenter

\$200 for both presenters

Add \$50 fuel and travel surcharge for visits located over 100 miles from Seattle.

Celebrate the Anniversary of  
Springer's Return!  
July 13, 2002

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