

# “Publishing — How a Story Becomes a Book”

## *An Assembly by Jason Wright*



### ***New York Times* Bestselling Author, Columnist, Speaker**

*Jason Wright came to Larsen Elementary school and talked to us about his book writing experience. He told us that when he was in fifth grade he told his teacher that he wanted to be an author. His teacher told him that it would be hard and that things wouldn't always go smoothly. He told us that his teacher was absolutely right. People discouraged him and made it hard on him, but he didn't want to give up. He inspired me to not give up! Jason has made some great children books and novels. I have actually read one of his books, it was amazing. I definitely have learned something from him. —Ashley, Age 10, Larsen Elementary School*

- Workshop Length:** 35 - 50 minutes (*This is flexible based on school schedule.*)
- Ideal Grade Range:** Third – Eighth
- Presentation Needs:** Handheld microphone
- Costs:** \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents' program, etc.  
\$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.  
\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

### **The Story**

Using student actors on stage, Jason takes a high-energy approach to demonstrating how an idea goes from a writer's imagination to a library or bookstore. Students learn about the role of editors, agents, publishers and more.

When time allows, Jason also introduces the students to Group Storytelling and using nothing but their imaginations, they create a story from thin air. He often leaves time for Q&A.

### **Author Bio**

Jason Wright is the *New York Times* bestselling author of twelve books, including *Christmas Jars* and *The Wednesday Letters*. His columns appear in newspapers and on web sites and he has spoken in more than 40 states. He's been seen on CNN, CBS, FoxNews and other networks.

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