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# INDIAN HILLS

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Mr. William Hill  
620 Kelly Court  
Gardnerville, NV 89460

Monday, April 2, 2007

Dear Mr. Hill,

Thank you so much for the fabulous presentations to our students at Indian Hills Middle. Many positive comments have been heard around the library and the school, from teachers and students.

Enclosed is a check for \$145.00 for the books I bought while you were here. They were the ones you signed for the library. Also attached is an order for five additional books. Please send the books and an invoice to me at the school. Once received, the secretary will send you the additional check for \$82.00.

Your picture and the posters you so graciously gave to me are hanging in the entrance to the media center. I thought you might enjoy a copy of the one we hung.

Thank you again for spending the day enlightening and entertaining our students. We'll be looking forward to more of your books.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Angell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Angell  
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October 20, 2006

*"Cardinals"* I am a librarian for Pottsboro Middle School and have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Hill. My adventure with Mr. Hill began at a Texas Librarian Association meeting in 1999. Just listening to him talk about one of his books got me excited and I was hooked on buying some for the library. I made a causal comment about a visit to Pottsboro and out of that causal comment things just seemed to blossom throughout the coming years.

In December of 2002 he came for that visit. Students were excited about his idea for an upcoming fantasy tale, so much so that they offered to read his manuscript before it was published. Over a year later Mr. Hill surprised me with accepting the students offer. What a great experience it was. The students and I learned so much about the process of getting a book published. By reading the manuscript form of the book, students learned to first check typos and do a general critique by answering a questionnaire that Mr. Hill gave them. Mr. Hill did his rewrite and polished it up to become what is known as the Galley. At this particular part of the process students would reread and give a review of the book. I had twenty students involved in this project with all students recognized and some with their reviews on the pages of his new book, "Dragon Pawns". What an experience for our students to have had first hand knowledge on how a book gets published. I am so grateful that he took the time and had the patience to give to our students.

He has visited us several times since and with each visit he strives to improve his last visit. His writing presentations are motivational and inspire the students to excel in their writing projects. He presents the students with great visuals that paint pictures in their minds and gets them excited about writing with a creative form.

He has been an inspiration to our students. I always look forward to our visits and the students especially do as well.

Sincerely,

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*"Cardinals"*

October 13, 2006

Mr. Bill Hill, Author  
Near Carson City, Nevada

Dear Mr. Hill:

I teach Spanish, French, English as a Second Language, and special education writing classes. I had the unique opportunity to bring my special education writing class of eight students to hear your presentation this past Tuesday, October 10, 2006, during third period. They have each individually written you a note. These are included. I thought the presentation was excellent and I was only disappointed that there was not more time so you could have continued your presentation without feeling so rushed.

Thank you so very much for your time and expertise. We are very grateful to you for taking the time to visit our school and share your knowledge. You have certainly helped to create a new level of awareness among our students and especially those who love to write and hope to one day also become authors.

Sincerely,

R. GraceRenee Pimm  
Pottsboro Middle School

November 16, 2006

Dear Mr. Hill,

Thank you for coming to Incline Middle School to speak to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders about creative writing. I know the students really enjoyed your enthusiasm and energy. They were very impressed with your magic tricks and ability to entertain a crowd.

The students also came away with a better understanding of how to use vivid language in their writing, which I know will help them throughout their lives. I truly believe our students benefited from your presentation. It is not everyday that a successful author comes to share his writing hints with 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I know my students are motivated to read your books now and hopefully they will become inspired to become authors themselves.

Thank you,

  
Liz Harrell

Incline Village M.S  
Incline Village, NV



## POTTSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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10-17-06

Dear Mr. Hill,

Thank you for the writing presentation you recently shared with Pottsboro High School. My students really enjoyed your magic with writing and also your magic trick. Your visual presentation really gave them a writer's view about characters, motivation, identification, description and theme. Thank you for sharing your expertise and for taking time out to teach the beauty of creative writing.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Strahan  
Pottsboro High School  
English II/Teen Leadership

Dear Mr. Hill,

You came in to be class last week and did a fantastic presentation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Not only did your lesson give me a new perspective on writing but also reminded me that we can also have some fun in learning. I must tell you that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade English is the hardest class to get to participate in physical learning but every single person in that room enjoyed your presentation and took full advantage over it. Once again I thank you for coming and hope that you come back for the next 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Thanks so much,  
*Brianna Richards*  
Brianna Richards  
English, Incline Middle  
School  
Incline Village, NV

P.S. The class has been talking about your magic tricks for days now, they were great.

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**From:** JBlow44900@aol.com  
**To:** Magickink@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: The tests  
**Date:** Sat, 14 Oct 2006 6:47 PM

Dear Bill and Kat,

I am sorry that I hadn't written to you. I should have realized that even though you were not in Nevada, you probably took your computer/laptop to Texas. Someday I will eventually come into the 21st century and think that such things are possible.

I really enjoyed the The Magic Bicycle and look forward to finishing Chasing Time, with my sons. Darien and I have enjoyed Andre's reading the book to us at night, and Andre has really gotten into the book. I think he relates to Danny in many ways and he has been quite proud of how well he is reading the story. He has been able to put quite a bit of expression into the characters as he reads and Darien has told him many times how 'cool' it is. Thank you for such a wonderful book.

I did receive the test information. The work book is fantastic! I am in the process of putting it in a form to put on the computer, i.e., multiple choice questions. I am also planning on using it as an aid when I work with the students I tutor. I like to have them read the questions and think about what is important before they read the chapter and then discuss the questions after reading the chapter. I have done this for other books, and it is quite time consuming. Mrs. Pettit did an excellent job and I am sure she didn't do it in a few days either. I really appreciate your sending it.

Everyone enjoyed your coming to Holston View and Vance Middle Schools. Andre particularly enjoyed your presentation and his teacher was quite pleased that he felt comfortable enough to take part and volunteer answers. After having met you at Holston View I assured him that you were really a great guy and that it would be fine to jump right in when appropriate. He often is a little shy to do so, so you can imagine how surprised I was when I actually heard his voice (more than once!) during your presentation. He was so excited that at dinner that night he couldn't stop talking about it. You did a great job and I hope that you do return to Bristol again, and that Kat and Brin come too!

Have a wonderful year and keep on writing. I look forward to something new next year.

Sincerely,  
Joanne

Done!

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Dear Mr. Hill,

Thank you once again for speaking to my Creative Writing class. Everyone truly enjoyed themselves. Enclosed you will find thank you letters written by my students and your questionnaires.

I do hope you will visit us again.

Sincerely,

Dawn Callahan



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July 19, 2006

William Hill  
620 Kelly Court  
Gardnerville, NV 89460

Dear Mr. Hill:

On behalf of the Board of Library Trustees of Washoe County Library, we would like to express our appreciation for your kind donation of your time on June 14, 2006 to visit our Northwest Library.

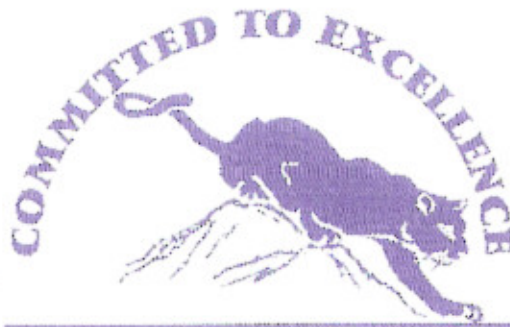
What a pleasure for our teens to come in to their book discussion group and have you there to discuss your own book, *Vampire Hunters*. Not only could they enjoy reading your book but also it was an additional bonus to be able to speak with you, the author.

We've both served the Library for many years and we are gratified by the strong support shown by many businesses and individuals to the Library. Your gift of time is a prime example of this type of support and is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cummings  
Library Director

Judy Simon  
Chairperson  
Library Board of Trustee



## Darrel C. Swope Middle School

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Michele Collins, *Principal*

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January 10, 2006

Dear Mr. Hill,

Your book talk presentation on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, was excellent. You gave the students a comparison of what life was like when you were the same age as these students. You described how reading materials have changed since your time and described the worlds of authors they can still enjoy today. Plus you did this four times during our 45-minute periods for FREE! What a wonderful donation to schools!

We are so excited to have you back in the spring to energize our students about writing. Mrs. Reed will pursue getting a grant so you can be paid for your excellent program. Thank you so much for helping motivate middle school students.

Sincerely,

Michele Collins  
Principal

Cynthia Reed  
Librarian