

Pam Withers inspires writers, encourages reading, and engages audiences

Pam speaks about her best-selling, award-nominee "extreme sports" adventure books – which are particularly popular with boys. They're riveting; so is their author as a speaker. What else would you expect of a journalist, editor and award-winning speaker who is also a former outdoor guide? Even boys are impressed that she has kayaked the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. She speaks to more than 15,000 children per year across North America.

She has written 17 books for young adults:

Andreo's Ruce: During a death-defying race in rugged Bolivia, illegally-adopted Andreo veers off to chase down his birth parents.

Paintball Island: When Max and Marie's island gets turned into a paintball park, things go wrong.

First Descent: On a kayak expedition, Rex, 17, gets kidnapped.

Going Vertical: The Life of an Extreme Kayaker: Biography of world record-holder Tao Berman.

Mountainboard Maniacs: Can Jake and Peter, age 15, survive mountainboarding down an erupting volcano?

BMX Tunnel Run: Equipped with night-vision goggles, Jake and Peter ride an astounding maze of tunnels.

Wake's Edge: This wakeboard school has too much action.

Vertical Limits: Jake's obsessed with solo climbing, Peter's afraid of heights and someone has a death wish.

Surf Zone: Stranded on an island, Jake and Peter realize that surfboards offer their only escape.

Dirtbike Daredevils: A natural disaster challenges freestyle maniac Peter and mechanic-whiz Jake.

Skater Stuntboys: When Jake and Peter land movie roles as skateboarding stuntboys, it leads to jealousy and sabotage.

Adrenalin Ride: After their guide disappears, Jake and Peter are plunged into the mountain-bicycling descent of their lives.

Peak Survival: When their heli-snowboarding/skiing trip goes wrong, the boys face a perilous descent back to civilization.

Raging River: Jake and Peter kayak down a 95 miles of raging whitewater to save a stranded rafting party

Breathless: Beverly learns dieting and scuba diving don't mix.

Camp Wild: Wilf escapes from camp by canoe.

Daredevil Club: Kip's friends do dangerous dares.

Her lively presentation for grades 4-9 includes:

- Short readings
- Tales of her own adventures
- Humorous anecdotes of how she researches her material
- The patience & persistence it takes to achieve success
- Special encouragement to boys
- The importance of rewriting & accepting criticism
- Tips on writing & getting published
- Extreme-sports video clips

Her fee: \$325 for a one-hour presentation in Vancouver, Canada, or when she is in your area. Check her blog for travel updates: <u>pwithers.blogspot.ca</u>. Otherwise, travel expenses apply. *No maximum audience size*, but a slight price increase for groups over 300.

What others are saying:

"Our students are still talking about Pam's visit! She's a very engaging speaker. Her combination of book talks, personal experience, video clips, props, and audience participation, kept our large audience attentive and wanting more!"

Trudy Griebenow, Librarian, Sunnyside Elementary, Idaho Falls, ID.

"Extremely well received by our first through sixth-graders. Even the youngest were captivated by her real-life stories, readings, and video clips!"

Catherine Pavlik, Librarian, Hollywood Hill Elementary School, Woodinville, WA.

"Exciting, informative, fast-paced, and thoroughly engaging to our entire middle school!" Mary Raymond, Librarian, LaConner School District, LaConner, WA.

To book an event with Pam Withers, call Chris Patrick toll-free: 1-866-413-9216 Or check out Pam's website at: <u>www.pamwithers.com</u>