

# Kate Messner Author Visit

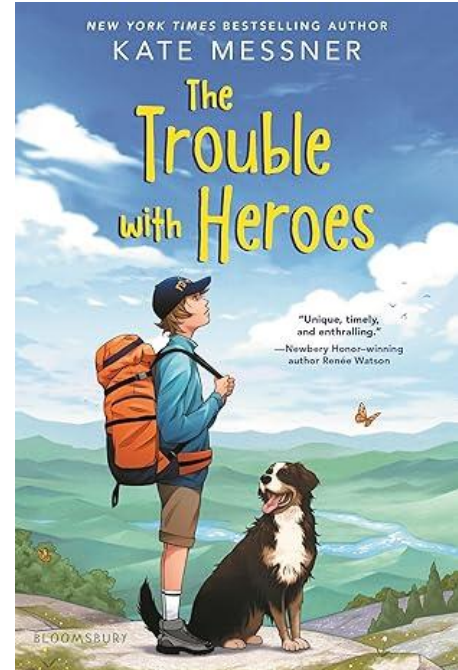
Grades 4-6

May 5, 2025

Deadline to order books: April 10, 2025

Kate Messner will be coming to Oak View on book tour!  
If you'd like to order a signed copy of the book, please order on MySchoolBucks.

As part of this FREE author visit, we are required to order all books through the school. Please do not purchase your book through another retailer. Kate will be visiting multiple schools on May 5, and will sign the books off-site before coming to Oak View, so we can only guarantee books ordered through the school will be signed. Ordering is always optional.



In her presentation, Kate will share her writer's notebook, research photos, and marked-up manuscripts to show how a book evolves from a scribbled idea to a finished novel. Students will read the first chapters of THE TROUBLE WITH HEROES in class prior to the visit, and we expect many will be excited to finish the book on their own after the author visit!

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## About *The Trouble with Heroes*

***One summer.***

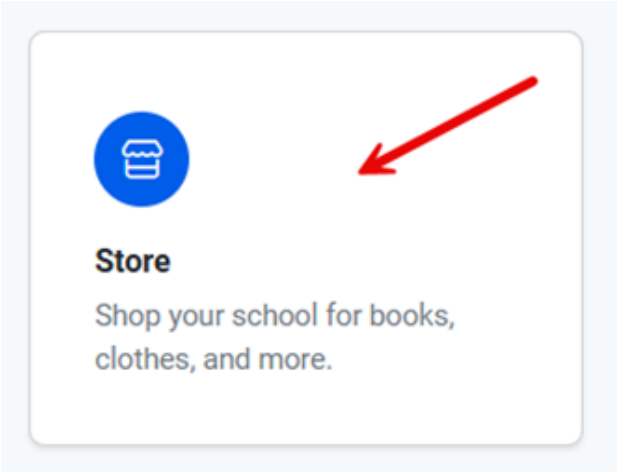
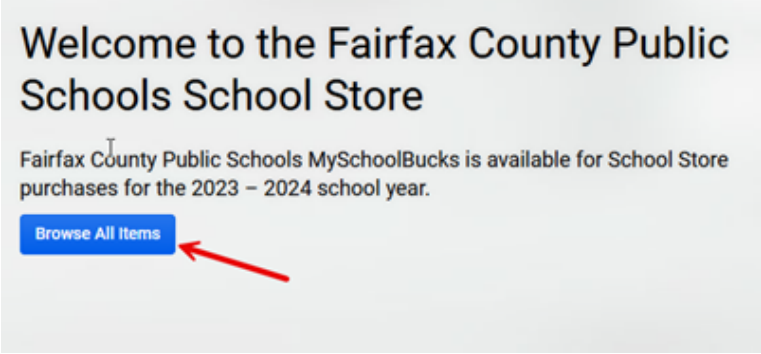
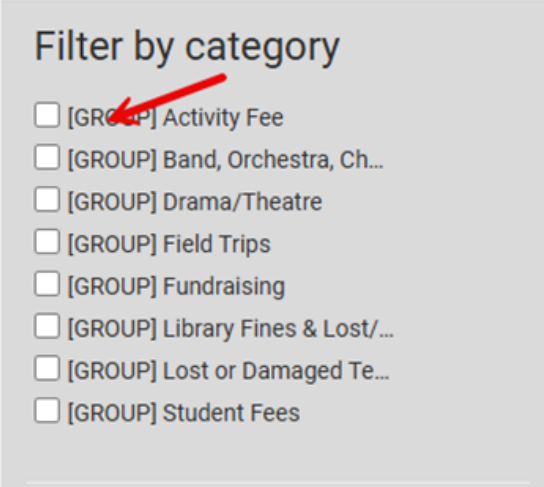
***46 mountain peaks.***

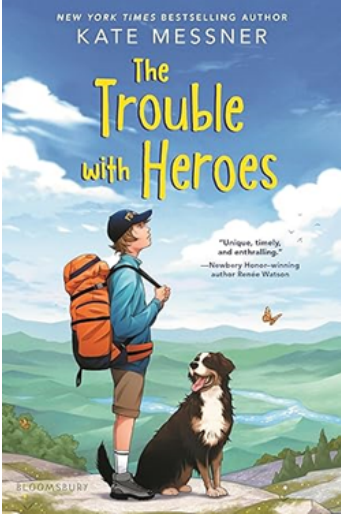
***A second chance to make things right.***

*Finn Connelly is nothing like his dad, a star athlete and firefighter hero who always ran toward danger until he died two years ago. Finn is about to fail seventh grade and has never made headlines . . . until now. Caught on camera vandalizing a cemetery, he's in big trouble for knocking down some dead old lady's headstone. Turns out that grave belongs to a legendary local mountain climber, and her daughter makes Finn an unusual offer: she'll drop all the charges if he agrees to climb all forty-six Adirondack High Peaks in a single summer. And there's just one more thing--he has to bring along the dead woman's dog.*

*In a wild three months of misadventures, mountain mud, and unexpected mentors, Finn begins to find his way on the trails. At the top of each peak, he can see for miles and slowly begins to understand more about himself and his dad. But the mountains don't care about any of that, and as the clock ticks down to September, they have more surprises in store. Finn's final summit challenge may be more than even a hero can face.*

## How to Order through My School Bucks

1	Login to <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com/">MySchoolBucks</a> <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com/">https://www.myschoolbucks.com/</a>
2	Click on SCHOOL STORE  <p>The screenshot shows a blue circular icon with a white shopping cart symbol. Below the icon, the word "Store" is written in bold, followed by the text "Shop your school for books, clothes, and more." A red arrow points to the icon.</p>
3	Click on BROWSE ALL ITEMS  <p>The screenshot shows the title "Welcome to the Fairfax County Public Schools School Store" and a paragraph of text: "Fairfax County Public Schools MySchoolBucks is available for School Store purchases for the 2023 – 2024 school year." Below the text is a blue button labeled "Browse All Items" with a red arrow pointing to it.</p>
4	Click on [GROUP] Activity Fee.  <p>The screenshot shows a list of categories under the heading "Filter by category". The first category, "[GROUP] Activity Fee", has its checkbox selected and is highlighted with a red arrow. Other categories include "[GROUP] Band, Orchestra, Ch...", "[GROUP] Drama/Theatre", "[GROUP] Field Trips", "[GROUP] Fundraising", "[GROUP] Library Fines &amp; Lost/...", "[GROUP] Lost or Damaged Te...", and "[GROUP] Student Fees".</p>

5	Click on “The Trouble with Heroes”. Click on VIEW DETAILS 
6	Select your child’s name from the drop down menu
7	Select how many copies you wish to purchase.
8	Click ADD TO CART
9	Checkout