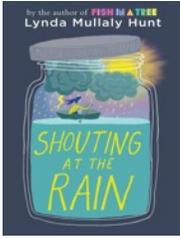


Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Author Visit to
Tenakill Middle School
Monday, May 6

About the Books



Delsie loves a good storm – except when the squalls are in her own life. Her summer friend, Brandy, is back on the Cape at last – but devastates her by dumping her for a new friend. And she could really use a mom right now – except hers left years ago and her loving Grammy won't discuss her mom, saying it's too painful. So when she meets snarky Ronan, supposedly a liar and

a thief, Delsie wonders if he's another storm on the horizon. Turns out he's caring and courageous – a fisherman's son who'd rather protect sea life than eat it. But she recognizes something else, too. He is lonely just like she is. As they traipse around the island they uncover deep neighborhood secrets, stand up to cruelty and get into both good and bad trouble. But they also open up to each other and tackle complicated stuff like what it means to be angry versus sad, broken versus whole, and abandoned versus loved.

“Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid.” Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her – and to everyone – than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.



In the wake of heart-breaking betrayal, Carley Connors is thrust into foster care and left on the steps of the Murphys, a happy, bustling family. Carley has thick walls and isn't rattled easily, but this is a world she just doesn't understand. A world that frightens her. So, she resists this side of life she'd believed did not exist with dinners around a table and a “zip your jacket, here's your lunch” kind of mom. However, with the help of her Broadway-obsessed and unpredictable friend, Toni, the Murphys do the impossible in showing Carley what it feels like to belong somewhere. But, when her mother wants her back, will she lose the only family that she has ever known?

We are delighted to announce that award winning and New York Times bestselling children's author Lynda Mullaly Hunt will visit Tenakill Middle School on Monday, May 6 to discuss her new book, *Shouting at the Rain* as well as other titles. The author will be speaking to students in grades 5 & 6.

An author visit is a wonderful opportunity for young readers to meet the creators of the books they read, and we have arranged for both students and teachers to purchase autographed copies of their books. Please consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of an autographed book.

About the Author

Lynda Mullaly Hunt is the author of New York Times bestseller *Fish in a Tree* and Bank Street Best Book *One for the Murphys*. She's a former teacher, and holds writers retreats for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She lives in Connecticut with her husband, two children, impetuous beagle, and beagle-loathing cat.



To learn more about Lynda Mullaly Hunt visit her website at <https://www.lyndamullalyhunt.com/>.

Praise for Shouting at the Rain:

“A richly embroidered cast of characters, a thoughtful exploration of how real friends treat one another, and the true meaning of family all combine to make this a thoroughly satisfying coming-of-age tale. Cape Cod is nicely depicted—not the Cape of tourists but the one of year-round residents—as is the sometimes-sharp contrast between residents and summer people. Hunt has crafted another gentle, moving tale of love and loss: the value of the one and the importance of getting over the other.”

~*Kirkus Reviews*

A percentage of book sales will benefit Tenakill Middle School

The order deadline is Friday, April 12

This event has been arranged through the courtesy of Books, Bytes & Beyond, the independent children's only book seller in Glen Rock specializing in the educational market & author events.