



### About the Author

For as long as Jennifer Troulis can remember she had been painting, sculpting, drawing and writing stories. In 2000, three years after the birth of her twins, Justin and Samantha, she decided to try her hand at writing a children's book.

Three years later, she self-published the first book in the Penelope and Priscilla series, *Penelope and Priscilla and the Enchanted House of Whispers*. Ms. Troulis also completed the book's chapter illustrations and cover artwork. Four years later, in February 2007, she published *Penelope and Priscilla and the City of the Banished*, the second book in the series.

When Ms. Troulis is not writing, she spends her time with her family and promoting her books. The third book in the series, *Penelope and Priscilla and the Curse of the Moon Shadow Rose*, will be released in October 2008, just in time for Halloween.

*For more information or to schedule an author visit or creative writing workshop, contact Jennifer Troulis.*

## *Writing Can Be Fun When You Add A Little Bit Of Magic!*

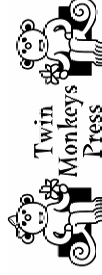


*Jennifer Troulis  
Author and Illustrator*

*Presents*

**MEET THE AUTHOR PROGRAM  
and  
THE MAGIC OF WRITING WORKSHOP**

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## MAGIC, MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE AWAIT YOU IN THE PENELOPE AND PRISCILLA SERIES OF BOOKS

### IN THE FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES

Twelve-year-old, identical twin sisters, Penelope and Priscilla Post, seek help from a 200-year-old magical book and their enchanted house and its talking inhabitants to devise a plan to defeat their sinister neighbor and protect their family secret.

**"Readers of all ages love the Penelope and Priscilla series."**



*"The relationship between Penelope and Priscilla is very well done. . . it is an exciting book. . . Every child should be exposed to books like this, one where characters overcome their fears."*  
Writer's Digest Magazine

*"Penelope and Priscilla is a truly magical series."*  
Julia Kauffman, fifth grade

### IN THE SECOND BOOK IN THE SERIES

A cryptic passage in the Enchanted Book and a visit to a very special bookstore reveal that something evil has come to Dunville. Now, as the girls prepare to start eighth grade, they are not only gearing up for a new school year and all of the inevitable ups and downs of friendships, new relationships and growing up, they are also preparing for the battle of their lives.



*"In her latest book, Troulis offers a look into the typical lives of young teens but also opens the door for the magic and mystery of spells, wishes that come true, and a delightful tale of good overcoming evil in many forms."*

Heather Froeschl  
[www.bookideas.com](http://www.bookideas.com)

## MEET THE AUTHOR PROGRAM

Recommended for grades 3-6



Ms. Troulis' love of writing is apparent in her enthusiastic presentations. The original artwork, story boards, and mystical props that she uses bring her story to life.

### DURING THE MEET THE AUTHOR PROGRAM CHILDREN WILL:

- Hear Ms. Troulis' inspirational story about how she became an author of children's books.
- Watch a slideshow and listen to some of her first literary works.
- Learn how she not only wrote her books, but also illustrated and published them.
- Meet Penelope and Priscilla, Ms. Troulis' handmade dolls, open the Enchanted Book from the series and see what's inside, and check out an ancient bejeweled wooden box filled with potions.

### THIS IS WHAT TEACHERS HAVE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

*"... From the boy who kept asking, 'How can I buy your book?' to the twins who were enthralled by the notion of a set of magical sisters, the students were engaged in your presentation from start to finish. Your incorporation of visual and tactile aids . . . addressed the varied senses of the students and allowed them all to take part in the presentation."*

Leslie Wise, Library Media Specialist  
Von E. Manger Middle School (grades 4-8)

*"It is my honor to recommend Mrs. Troulis. She is a wonderful presenter who brings her books to life right before the students. Mrs. Troulis brings the writing process to the listener in a way that is both entertaining and educational. Her visuals on her book demonstrate how a book goes from an idea to a printed copy. Mrs. Troulis even discusses how she had to self-publish her book, reinforcing the concept of never giving up when you believe in yourself. Her presentation is on grade level and is rewarding to all who are there. I truly believe that you and your students will enjoy her immensely."*

Cheryl Rosen  
Faber School Media Specialist

## THE MAGIC OF WRITING WORKSHOP

Recommended for grades 4-6

Mr. Troulis' love of writing and enjoyment of working with children to help strengthen their writing inspired her to develop a fun and unique creative writing workshop.



*"I thought the workshop was a lot of fun. It was very unique. The smells, looks and textures of the ingredients were all so different."*

Roy, sixth grade

### IN THE WORKSHOP STUDENTS WILL:

- Discuss various creative writing techniques.
- Learn to use their imaginations and senses to make their writing more vivid.
- Examine the ingredients from one of Penelope and Priscilla's spells and create one of their own.
- Play word games to help strengthen their creative writing skills.



**\*\*To enhance their creative writing experience, students will receive a special feather pencil to write with and special paper on which to write their spells.**

**". . . This is one work-shop you want to put on your schedule for the school year."**

*"Jennifer Troulis is an amazing author. Her creative writing workshop was so vivid and full of imagery... even the sixth graders wanted to know if it was 'real'!"*

Lynne Soltyz  
Librarian, St. Helena School, Edison, NJ