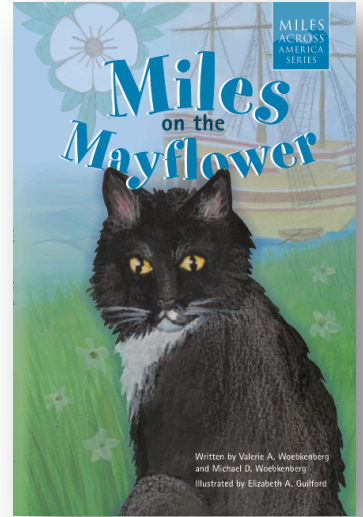


# Miles on the Mayflower

## Author Visit Presentations

*Miles on the Mayflower* is the story of Miles, the cat, who follows his family to the historic town of Plymouth. Wearing his little blue backpack containing the map his family left behind, Miles ends up finding much more than just his loved ones when he reaches his final destination. Meant for children in grades K-3, *Miles on the Mayflower* is the fictional story of Miles blended with historically accurate information about the voyage of the *Mayflower* in 1620. The book is 64 pages with a reading level range of 2.6-3.1.



Individual classroom presentations are usually 45-60 minutes in length and allow time for questions. Presentations for larger groups are also possible. Order forms to send home before the visit will be available so pre-ordered books signed with a personalized message are ready to take home. Additional books will be available on the day of the visit. Valerie will speak on either of the topics below or a combination of the two. All presentations will be customized to fit the age of students and topic of study. Ready-to-color postcards meant to spark the imagination are included for each child.

Please contact Valerie to discuss the speaking fee and the best way to bring the story of Miles' adventure to your school, library, or event.

## Who Sailed Aboard the *Mayflower*?

This topic addresses the historical elements of the story. When Miles traveled to Plymouth, he boarded the *Mayflower II*, an exact reproduction of the ship that sailed in 1620. Miles met actors portraying William Bradford, John Howland, and Elizabeth Tilley who told the story of the long and dangerous voyage across the ocean.

Photographs of the *Mayflower II* and the Plimoth Plantation will be shared.

## Bringing Miles' Story to Life

This topic focuses on writing, editing, and illustrating a children's book. The process of research will be discussed as well as the challenge of combining the real-life story of the Pilgrims' voyage in 1620 with the fictional journey of Miles, the backpack wearing cat.

Photographs of the *Mayflower II* and Plimoth Plantation will be shared to show the accuracy in the illustrations and how Miles' story was brought to life.

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