

# Author and Illustrator Mark Fearing is coming to Eastgate Elementary on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019



Raised by a pack of wild geese, Mark learned to fly at an early age. No? How about — raised by gophers Mark learned to dig extremely fast at a young age. No matter the truth, I can say that I grew up near St. Paul, Minnesota, and ended up graduating from The University of Wisconsin, Madison. I enjoyed studying ancient art history, comparative literature and Chinese, but ended up with a BFA focused on design. I proceeded to work in politics, advertising and graphic design in Madison until I transferred myself to Los Angeles where I worked in graphic design, motion graphics, video games, animation for TV and film and created several TV shows that never saw the light of day or even the glow of a TV.

I later attended the MFA program in animation at UCLA where I made **The Thing with No Head**. The best animated short ever made. Ever. OK. That's subjective.

I ended up working as an art director for Sony Online, a new media creative director for Pearson Television and a current production manager for Walt Disney TV Animation. Along the way I was writing and illustrating books—sending them out and enjoying the resulting letters that varied between, "You should never work in children's books," and "Send more samples!"

In 2007 a small publisher in Long Beach published several of my comic books. In 2009, Tricycle Press published **The Book That Eats People**, which I illustrated, and since then I have been fortunate enough to work on many books which you can read about on this site and if you order the books or check them out from a library you can read the actual books.

My favorite genres are science fiction, horror and humor. Or a combination of all three. And oddly enough, geese didn't teach me to fly. It was the gophers that taught me that. Who'd a guessed!?



Title	Author, Illustrator or both?	Price	Qty	Total Cost
Giant Pants	Both	\$14.00		
The Great Thanksgiving Escape ( <b>Paperback</b> )	Both	\$ 6.00		
The Frightful Ride of Michael McMichael	Illustrator	\$14.00		
Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom	Illustrator	\$12.00		
Superhero Instruction Manual	Illustrator	\$14.00		
A Very Witchy Spelling Bee	Illustrator	\$14.00		
How Martha Saved Her Parents from Green Beans	Illustrator	\$14.00		
Three Little Aliens & The Big Bad Robot	Illustrator	\$14.00		
The Book that Eats People	Illustrator	\$14.00		
Great, Now We've Got Barbarians!	Illustrator	\$13.00		
Chicken Story Time	Illustrator	\$15.00		
Eleanor Roosevelt is in My Garage	Illustrator	\$12.00		
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