



# "Firefly Moments" Author Coleen Paratore



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"Catch ideas like fireflies on a summer night, and write what only YOU can write."

## Author Visits \* Writing Workshops \* Inspirational Talks

A full-time writer and teacher of writing since 2004, author of 20 books, whether leading an assembly of 400 students or a workshop with 6 adults, my goal is to *inspire*. We "open the jar" and travel to the "firefly fields" inside. We catch what's sparking, write and share. My style is cheerful and encouraging -- *everyone participates*. To book a program, contact me at [www.coleenparatore.com](http://www.coleenparatore.com). ☺

## The "Willa Books"

A voracious reader, journal-keeper, community rent-payer, and candy eater, Willa wants to be an author someday.



### #1 The Wedding Planner's Daughter

(Simon and Schuster)  
Moving to Cape Cod, Willa wishes for a real hometown and a Dad.

**½ million copies sold**



### #2 The Cupid Chronicles

Willa host dances at her family's inn to try and save the Bramble library and maybe date "JFK." ☺



### #3 Willa by Heart

A mysterious new girl threatens to steal Willa's lead in "Our Town," and JFK's heart as well.



### #4 Forget Me Not

(Scholastic Press)  
Summer romance, a dog, a startling surprise, and Willa plans a wedding all by herself.



### #5 Wish I Might

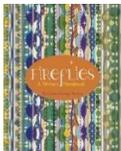
Is that a *mermaid*?  
"I can't wait to get my hands on the next Willa book!"\*\*\*TeensReadToo



### #6 From Willa, With Love

While JFK is away, another hot Bramble boy tries to win Willa's heart.

**Happy News! Coming August 2, 2016 -- ROAR LIKE A GIRL, the first novel in a new "Always Willa" series with Little Pickle Press. ☺ Big changes are coming for Willa Havisham! ☺**



**FIREFLIES: A Writer's Notebook** (all ages), Little Pickle Press. Encouraging advice, inspiring "spark-starters" and colorful blank journal pages for "writing without rules." The perfect gift for any writer. (25% school discount, 50% Title 1 discount at [sales@littlepicklepress.com](mailto:sales@littlepicklepress.com))

**\*Mom's Choice 2014 Gold Award\* \*Ben Franklin 2014 Digital Gold Award for "Catching Fireflies" APP\***



**BIG**, Little Pickle Press. What does it really mean to be "big?" ☺ This "picture book for all ages" is a fun, character-building conversation starter for school, library, and home; a great birthday, holiday, or graduation gift. **\*2013 Gelett Burgess Award \*2013 Nautilus "Better Books for a Better World" Award \*2013 Mom's Choice Gold Award \*Amazon "Top Ten Picture Book"**



**DREAMSLEEVES** (10-adult), Scholastic Press. What if you wore your dream on your sleeve? "Every library and bookstore should stock this book and help kids find it." Carol Chittenden, Eight Cousins Bookstore "Dreamsleeves reminds us of the pain of innocence lost, the strength of love, and the power of hope." New York Times bestselling-author, Laurie Halse Anderson "I loved it!" Newbery Author, Jerry Spinelli



**SUNNY HOLIDAY** and **SWEET AND SUNNY** (age 8+), Scholastic Press.

A budding poet and politician, Sunny wants to create a new holiday for kids and make life better in her neighborhood. **\* New York Public Library "Best Books for Reading and Sharing"\***

**\*Bank Street College "Best Children's Books of the Year"\* \*American Library Association Notables List**



**Writing it Right**, The Troy Bookmakers, (ISBN 978-1-61468-244-8) An inspirational memoir about the transformative power of writing, co-authored with my poet mother, Peg Spain Murtagh. To support each other through difficult times, we formed a "self-help writing club," promising to meet weekly for an entire year. Over lunch or dinner in favorite restaurants in our beloved hometown, of Troy, NY, we read aloud short pieces we'd written about "good things" in life. Books, baseball, faith, family, parks, pets, road-trips, recipes, Oprah and the ocean....on and on.... we found much to be grateful for.

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