Author Visits with Cherilyn Chin

Award-Winning Children's Author & Marine Biologist

Inspiring a Love of Nature and the Oceans

About Cherilyn

Cherilyn Chin is the author of the Lily Lu to the Rescue early reader chapter book series and has been a marine biologist at public aquariums such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Steinhart Aquarium at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

She engages the students and instills a love of nature, and especially for the oceans. She shares her adventures with animals such as sea otter pups and giant pacific octopuses as well as scuba diving and snorkeling with humpback whales and manta rays.

Lily Lu to the Rescue series stars an animal loving and spunky 7-year-old Chinese American girl who travels the world with her marine biologist mother and they meet and save ocean animals.

For bookings, contact Cherilyn at schoolvisits@oceanofhope.net

Books by Cherilyn Chin

Lily Lu to the Rescue 8 Book Series

- Sea Otter's Second Chance: Lily rescues and raises a sea otter pup
- Sea Turtle in a Tangle: Lily travels to Costa Rica and helps free a sea turtle from garbage
- Axolotl's Safe Place: Lily visits Mexico and helps release captive raised axolotls to their native environment

Each school library receives one complimentary signed set of 8 books.

Why Students Love Lily Lu to the Rescue

- Fun, adventurous stories that keep their attention
- Introduces ocean animal facts in a lively way
- Shows that they can make a difference in the world

"Cherilyn's visit was nothing short of magical for our students. Her ability to connect with young learners, spark curiosity, and explain complex ocean topics in an engaging way left a lasting impression on all of us. Our students were inspired to hear from a real marine biologist. She brought science to life in the most meaningful way, and her book captured our students' attention. It's been such a powerful tool for deepening their understanding and continuing the conversations sparked during her visit. We are so grateful for the knowledge and inspiration she shared!"
— First Grade Teachers at Tessellations School

Presentation Options

School assembly (TK- Grade 2)

Cherilyn interactively reads from one of her Lily Lu to the Rescue books. She brings her scuba diving gear for a show and tell. She tells about the charismatic creatures she's seen in the wild and worked with in aquariums. Cherilyn concludes with the ways the students can help the oceans.

Length: 30 minutes

School assembly (Grades 3-5)

Cherilyn reads from a Lily Lu to the Rescue book, or her Ollie the Octopus book. She does a show and tell with scuba diving gear and informs the students that they can scuba dive as early as 8 years old. She shows the book writing process and the inspiration behind her muse, Ollie the Octopus. Cherilyn concludes with the many ways students can help protect the oceans.

Length: 45 minutes

Young Authors' Workshop (Grade 3-5)

Cherilyn innovatively writes from the point-of-view of animals on her award-winning blog, "Ocean of Hope." In her interactive classroom writing sessions, students learn the ins and outs of writing and publishing a book. She covers idea brainstorming, first drafts, revisions, and edits.
Students get to write from their chosen animal's point-of-view, and a chance to be featured on her website. Cherilyn has found that writing from an animal's POV brings empathy not only for animals, but for their increasingly endangered habitats.

Length: 45-60 minutes | **Format:** Classroom or small group

Each visit includes a one-page teacher follow-up activity (PDF)

Educational Value

- Aligned with NGSS and Common Core literacy standards (K–5).
- Reinforces reading engagement and ocean literacy..
- Includes teacher follow-up activities for easy classroom extension.
- Suitable for assemblies or classrooms; virtual options available on request.

Visit Fees

- Half Day (2 sessions): Inquire
- Full Day (up to 4 sessions): Inquire
- Discounts for multi-school bookings; travel/lodging may apply outside greater San Francisco Bay Area, California.

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Quick booking steps:

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- Receive confirmation, invoice and pre-order form.
- Enjoy the visit; signed copies delivered on the day.