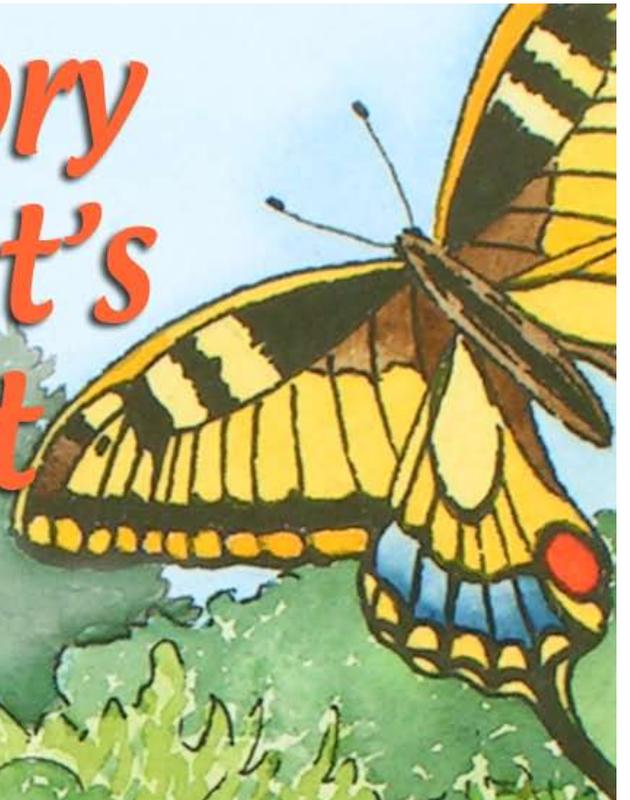


*There's a story  
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Engaging the  
creative energy  
of children by  
telling stories  
through activity,  
words and art

*StoryBuilding with:*

*Children's Writer Craig Spence  
Artist/Instructor Diana Durrand*





# *StoryBuilding for kids*

StoryBuilding engages children's creativity through:

- Imagination exercises and activities exploring self, community and environment;
- Creative and directed play to develop story ideas.
- Author led, Interactive writing that captures the group's ideas in a work of fiction;
- Artist led illustration workshops;
- A celebration of children's talent in a reading/sharing event.

The objective of StoryBuilding is high quality, locally based fiction that has been created collaboratively with children. The goal is to push the creative boundaries of participants and reflect their talent in a book they can share with family and friends. If you have any questions phone 778-574-5435, or email [craig-spence@shaw.ca](mailto:craig-spence@shaw.ca). Craig Spence or Diana Durrand will be happy to discuss this opportunity with you.



## **Craig Spence & Diana Durrand**

Craig and Diana are partners in art and life. They have collaborated on many works of children's fiction and both have experience developing and delivering workshops for youngsters and adults.

Craig's novel *Josh & The Magic Vial* was nominated for the BC Book Prize in Children's Literature in 2007. His most recent work, *Einstein Dog* was released by Thistledown Press in October 2009.

As well as writing books, Craig has explored the use of video, film and the internet as media for collaborating with children and presenting works of fiction. See *Rosie & Roscoe Run Away* at [rosieandroscoe.blogspot.com](http://rosieandroscoe.blogspot.com) for a recent example of an online, collaborative work.

Diana has a Bachelor of Fine Art degree from the University of Victoria. Her art and illustrations have been exhibited in shows and galleries across Canada. She has also illustrated numerous works of children's fiction.

To see some of Diana's children's art and fine art go to [www.durrand-art.com](http://www.durrand-art.com).

# **How StoryBuilding works**

As the name suggests, StoryBuilding is about constructing stories, step by step in a collaborative environment. These are not 'writing' workshops; they are opportunities for children to engage in the creative activities that lay the groundwork of a story. The children then guide a professional writer and work with an artist as the story develops interactively on the page.

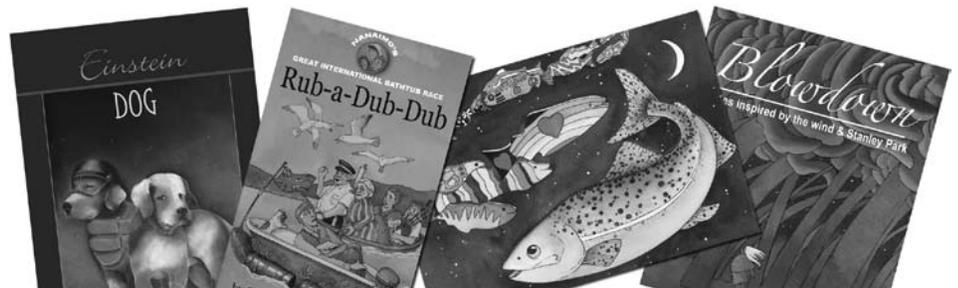
Each StoryBuilding workshop will be adapted to the children in the group. In the first session they get to know one another and facilitators Craig and Diana, as they are introduced to an environment that fosters self-expression.

From that starting point the group will use imaginative play and creative games to explore key elements of a good story: Character, Setting, Plot and Structure.

Two concepts are central to StoryBuilding: Adoptions and Enactments. The children will be asked to adopt characters, who they will be responsible for as the story develops. Then, as the premise for the story emerges, they will be asked to enact scenes.

The enactments will become 'plot points' in an emerging comprehensive outline. Once the story is mapped out, Craig will begin writing interactively, online; and Diana will work with the children illustrating scenes as they unfold.

Finally, when the story is finished, the children's achievements will be celebrated at a reading/sharing event, complete with invited guests and young people reading.



**To Register complete form on Back Page**



# StoryBuilding Kids' Workshop Information form

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Available Dates for you\* From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Please Note:** We will gather the names of families whose children would like to participate in a StoryBuilding workshop. When enough names have been gathered, parents will be contacted. StoryBuilding workshops are made up of 10 participants, who join in 16 hours of workshop activities, supplemented with online and family based activities. Cost is \$200 per child. See inside for details.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about this form or StoryBuilding please phone **778-574-5435**

## Please complete and mail to:

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