

Hillary Homzie

Hillary is the author of the tween novels, *The Hot List* (Simon & Schuster/M!X) and *Things Are Gonna Get Ugly* (Simon & Schuster/M!X), as well as the humorous chapter book series, *Alien Clones From Outer Space* (Simon & Schuster/Aladdin), a Children's Book-of-the-Month selection and listed as one of the 30 recommended funny books for kids in *The Children's Literature Lover's Book of Lists* by Joanna Sullivan Ed.D. Suppertime Entertainment (the creators of the twice Emmy-nominated *Todd World*) and Telescreen (*Lizzie McGuire*) developed the books to become an animated television series. Hillary created the bible for the show, and helped develop the pilot with a creative team including animation veteran Chris Henderson (*Disney's Return to Neverland*, *Clifford's Really Big Movie*) and director Terry Lennon (*Lion King 1 1/2*) and art director Alan Bodner (*The Iron Giant*, *Kim Possible*). She is a creative consultant for clones, which has been purchased by several networks, including ABC Australia. Hillary's young adult fiction has been published in *Teen Magazine* and anthologized (*Muddville Diaries*, Avon Books), and she has sold non-fiction and fiction projects to Klutz Press/Scholastic Books, The Learning Company and John Muir Books.

Hillary found her start in comedy performing sketch Off-Broadway (Playwrights Horizons, Synchronicity Space, 55 Grove Street, Manhattan Punchline, The Boston Comedy Club and Schecky's Big Fat Cantina with Sarah Silverman) with HA! Comedy Duo and Rubber Feet, and was a Heideman Playwrighting Award Finalist for play, *The Juice of It*. She has also written for many publications, including *Dance Magazine*, *New York Newsday* and *Parent's Express*, and has reviewed books for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Children's Literature*.

Hillary holds a master's degree in education from Temple University and a master's of arts degree from Hollins University in children's literature and writing. Currently, she's an associate visiting professor of creative writing at Hollins University Graduate Program in Children's Literature, and has lectured on comedy and children's writing at conferences and schools across the United States. She has also been privately coaching both published authors and aspiring authors for nine years, several of whom have achieved publishing success with major national accolades She loves to speak at schools and literature festivals. Visit her on the web at www.hillaryhomzie.com and follow her on twitter @HillaryHomzie.