

TWEEN SECRETS



Tweens live in a mysterious world. But it doesn't have to be. If you want to write for this growing market, you need to dive into their world.

learn how to write books for tweens what you need to know and why

With Tween Author Hillary Homzie

How often have you heard about parents pulling their hair out because their daughter is entering that phase--you know the tween years. It can start as early as fourth grade and goes on forever, or so it seems.

You hear the complaints--they're moody, secretive, silly, whiny, don't listen, want want want. And are on the computer too much.

In this workshop, we'll learn techniques for writing for this age group, what works and what doesn't work. Additionally, I'll present some emotional, physical, social, and moral milestones that

you should know about. Phew! It's a lot but it's also *so* much fun. Additionally, it's a growing market.

I'll also share with you the mistakes that I've made, so you don't have to!

About Hillary

*Hillary has published two novels for tween girls, **The Hot List** and **Things Are Gonna Ugly**, as well as a chapter book series for younger readers. Booklist wrote that Hillary "capture the angst of young teen*

friendships and fragile identities.

Things Are Gonna Get Ugly was *Book of the Month* nationally for *Justice Stores*. She's also a member of the popular middle-grade/tween blog *The Mixed-Up Files of Middle Grade Authors*. She loves to mentor other writers and teaches in the MFA program for Children's Literature and Writing at Hollins University. Find out more about Hillary at www.hillaryhomzie.com. Follow her blog at hillaryhomzie.posterous.com and follow her on Twitter @HillaryHomzie