

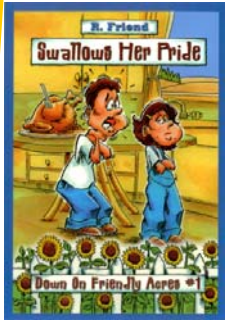
## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .

"I really enjoyed your books that not only inspire children to read but also teach them important character traits. We need more child-conscience writers like you."

Tammy Norton, parent, Anniston, AL.

"I read them to my class and they LOVED them. . . my children were asking to leave lunch early to read another chapter of the book. . . many times they wanted to go to recess late so we could read on."

Lisa Topper, Teacher, New Albany Elem, MS.



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## Down On Friendly Acres

### NEW NOSTALGIC FARM SERIES

*Hilarious*



*Historical*

*Heartwarming*

- Character Traits
- Original Songs, Poems & Recipes
- Farm life in the 50's & 60's
  - Wise Anecdotes
  - Vocabulary Building
  - Hidden Sunflowers
- True-to-life Cliffhangers
- Interactive Website
- Enjoyed by all ages

 Accelerated  
Reader™



R. Friend's



Character Based  
Author Visits



## SUNFLOWER SEEDS PRESS

Sunflower Seeds Press—a children's publishing company—is dedicated to reaching hearts and minds by sowing seeds of a different kind. Featured author, R. Friend, has captivated over 400,000 children and adults with her high energy presentation that encompasses storytelling, audience participation, music, puppets, sign language and character lessons.

R. Friend's unique family farm series, "Down On Friendly Acres," always includes character lessons, songs, poems, recipes, new vocabulary words, family photos, hilarious illustrations with hidden sunflowers, historical facts and fun fonts to help encourage reading with expression. This series is a nostalgic look back at life in the 50's and 60's.

Preschool parents read this series out loud to their younger children, elementary children love the sibling rivalry, and middle school students enjoy the literary style (play on words, idioms, onomatopoeias, alliterations, similes, etc.), music and poems. "Down On Friendly Acres" can be used in the classroom for a great reference on creative writing.

## INSERVICES

"Quick, Easy, Creative Ways to  
Make Books Come Alive"

Ronda will highlight dozens of her favorite children's books that build character. She will present practical, easy ways to make books come alive by using class participation, rhythm and song, props and other simple storytelling techniques. Even wallflowers will bloom in this workshop.

## CHARACTER BASED AUTHOR PROGRAMS

R. Friend's author visit encompasses the whole school program — character lessons, reading, writing, and the fine arts. The forty-five minute fast paced, high energy assembly program entertains by incorporating audience participation, storytelling, music, sign language and puppets.

The children are in for a memorable, magical moment as Ronda shares "Swallows Her Pride" by bringing the spunky six year old R. Friend to life. Donning clothespins on her nose, ears and mouth, Ronda tries to keep the bad words in her head thus heeding Grandma Brombaugh's advice, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

Children join in singing and signing several songs in the series. The younger children have fun acting out "The Twelve Days of Autumn" including a surprise turkey! Older children are mesmerized by "Hats Off To Heroes" as she shares how her father, Mr. Friend, received a bronze star during WW II. Her father's war journal and her mother's "Sunshine Basket" demonstrate kindness.

The program concludes with a heartwarming song, "Momma, I See Something You Don't See," which can best be summed up by a six year olds comment "I felt that song in my tummy!"

"Everyone in our school loved it... a wonderful mix of storytelling & music that engaged all ages. She took the time to visit individually with our staff & students. Students still talk about how funny she was & her books are constantly checked out. The packet of information she sent made it easy to plan and prepare the students. I have hosted other authors and this was by far the best experience I have had!" Jamie Strebing, Media Specialist, Amy Beverland, Indianapolis, IN.

## WRITING WORKSHOPS

"Turning on the 'Spicket' of a  
Child's Imagination"

This workshop is designed to motivate children and inspire them to let the creative juices flow from their hearts and minds. Using "Spicket" as an acrostic, we will delve into the important steps of creating and writing a great story - Suspenseful Storyline, Purposeful Plot, Innovative Ideas, Colorful Characters, Knowing Kids, Edit—Edit—Edit and Interesting Ititle.

The objective is not only to learn great writing skills but to put those skills into action. An innovative card game that can be adjusted for any age will be used to create hilarious, heartwarming, & inspiring stories.

At the end of the workshop, teachers will be equipped to provide a fun, exciting, creative atmosphere for children of all writing levels. The information and motivation received in this workshop allows teachers to improve the writing skills of all their students and can be used as a classroom project, learning center activity, and/or one on one.

This workshop culminates in writing a story together. Ronda and the students act out "PU You Stink!" (A story on teamwork) which is guaranteed to keep the participants in stitches!

