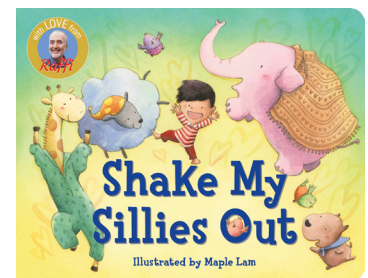
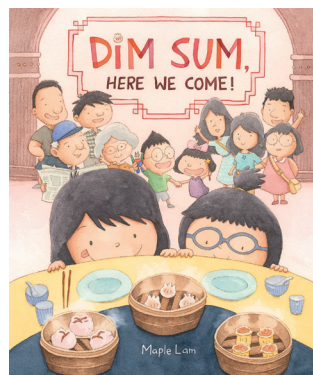
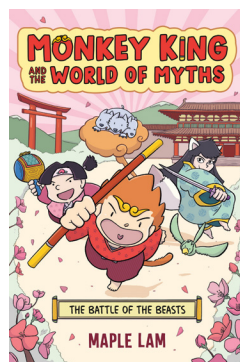
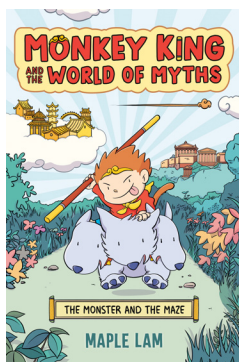




Author Visits with Maple Lam

Graphic Novels • Mythology • Creativity • Visual Storytelling

Engaging school presentations and workshops for Pre-K through middle school, plus older student and career-day programs.



Maple Lam is an award-winning author-illustrator, graphic novelist, and speaker whose books have been published by Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Hachette UK, and Macmillan.

Why Bring Maple to Your School?

Maple's school visits invite students into the joyful world of making books.

Through sketches, stories, and behind-the-scenes moments, Maple shows students how ideas slowly turn into finished books. She talks about writing, drawing, revision, mythology, humor, and the ups and downs of the creative process. Students leave with a simple but powerful message: their own curiosity, culture, persistence, and play can become stories, too.

Students will:

- **Discover how graphic novels are made**
From idea to sketches, revisions, panels, words, and finished pages.
- **Learn that creativity is a process**
Maple shares the messy, real behind-the-scenes journey behind published books.
- **Connect stories to mythology, culture, and history**
Especially through *Monkey King and the World of Myths* and *Dim Sum, Here We Come!*
- **Feel encouraged to tell their own stories**
Students leave with practical inspiration for writing, drawing, and creative thinking.



Featured Presentations

Maple offers lively visits for all kinds of young readers, from sing-alongs for the littlest, to behind-the-scenes graphic novel talks for older kids. Each visit can be shaped for your students, grade level, and school needs.

1. Making Fantastical Graphic Novels

Best for: Grades 3 and up

Length: 45-50 minutes

Maple takes students behind the scenes of *Monkey King and the World of Myths*, showing how childhood interests, mythology, comics, humor, research, and revision came together in a published graphic novel series. Students learn how graphic novels use both words and pictures to build exciting stories.

2. How to Create a Picture Book

Best for: Grade 2–5

Length: 45–50 minutes

Using *Dim Sum, Here We Come!* as a starting point, Maple shows students how a picture book grows from personal experience, family, food, culture, sketches, revision, and visual storytelling. Students learn how everyday moments can become meaningful stories.

3. Sing, Move, Read!

Best for: Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten and Grade 1

Length: 25–35 minutes

A joyful visit for the littlest readers! Maple shares picture books, sings, moves, and talks about how pictures help tell a story. Featuring *Dim Sum, Here We Come!* and *Shake My Sillies Out*, students get to wiggle, listen, look closely, and join in the fun.

4. Life as an Illustrator and Graphic Novelist

Best for: Age 15+ / high school / career day / literacy night

Length: 45–50 minutes

Maple shares her creative path from comic-loving child to full-time author-illustrator and graphic novelist. This talk covers creative growth, professional skills, publishing, resilience, art careers, and how students can continue developing as writers and artists.

Optional Workshops

For schools that want a more hands-on experience, Maple can add a workshop to the visit. Workshops work best with smaller groups, where students have room to draw, write, brainstorm, ask questions, and try out storytelling tools they can use in their own work.

A. How to Build a Hero, a Sidekick, or a Monster!

Best for: Grades 3–6

Length: 50 minutes

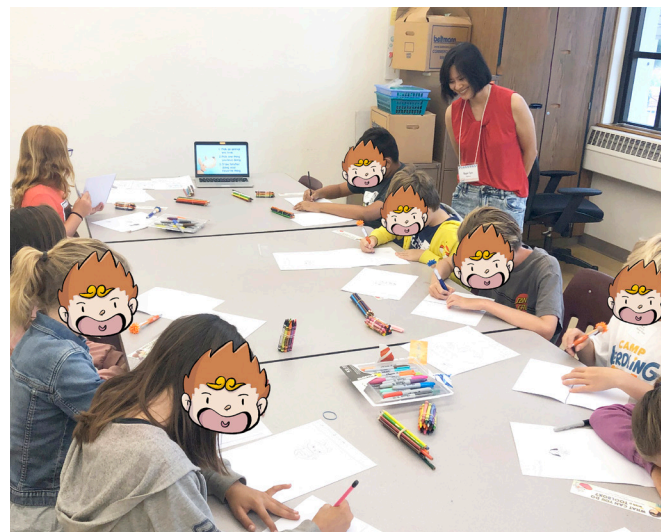
What makes a character unforgettable? In this hands-on workshop, students will learn how graphic novel creators build characters using personality, goals, strengths, weaknesses, visual design, and story conflict. Then, they will design their own hero, sidekick, or monster inspired by mythology, adventure stories, and their own imagination. This workshop supports character development, creative writing, visual literacy, mythology, and storytelling.

B. Draw Your Own Myth Mash-Up!

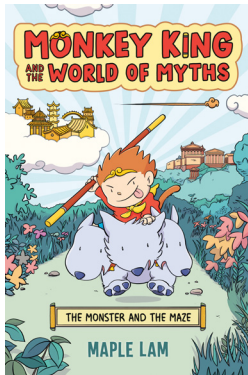
Best for: Grades 3–7

Length: 50 minutes

Inspired by *Monkey King and the World of Myths*, students will use a guided “myth menu” to choose a legendary creature or figure, a magical ability, a flaw or weakness, and a problem to solve. They will design a myth-inspired character and sketch a short comic scene that brings their idea to life. This hands-on workshop supports world mythology, multicultural storytelling, creative writing, visual literacy, and student imagination.



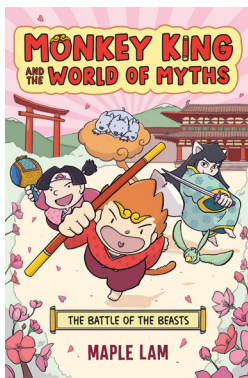
Books Featured During Visits



Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Monster and the Maze (Book 1)

Great for: Grades 3–6, mythology units, graphic novel readers, reluctant readers, fans of humor and adventure

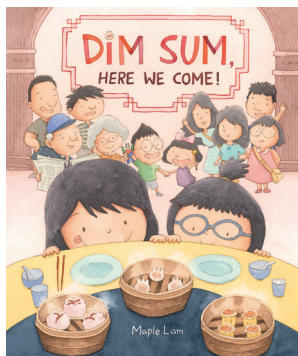
Themes: Chinese mythology, Greek mythology, humor, courage, creativity, action-adventure



Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Battle of the Beasts (Book 2)

Great for: Grades 3–6, mythology and folklore connections, sequel excitement

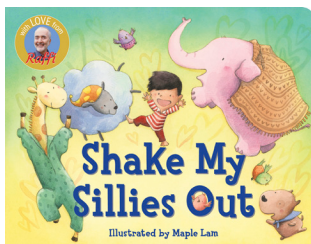
Themes: Japanese folklore, mythology, humor, action-adventure



Dim Sum, Here We Come!

Great for: K–3, family units, food and culture, picture book read-alouds

Themes: Family, food, Chinese culture, love, community, sharing



Shake My Sillies Out

Written by Raffi • Illustrated by Maple Lam
Great for: Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten, Grade 1, early childhood visits, short assemblies, music-and-movement programs

Themes: Movement, rhythm, rhyme, repetition, listening skills, early literacy, joyful participation

Testimonials

“Maple is a fantastic presenter! Her presentation is filled with tons of pictures and personal stories that kept the children riveted from start to finish...”

— *Miriam Bates, School Librarian, Nord Anglia International School, Hong Kong*

“Her ability to weave shared cultural experiences and Chinese myths and legends into her stories fostered a connection with our students that generated a lot of buzz and excitement in the room.”

— *Ashanti Mayes, Teacher Librarian, Canadian International School of Hong Kong*

“She didn’t hide anything from us, telling us exactly how often she retried or restarted... we now feel a lot more confident about our own ideas.”

— *Ashley Hamilton, School Librarian, and Grade 3 students, Lycée Français International*

“We had two fantastic workshops with her... Maple was so calm and patient, even with all the many questions from our eager students.”

— *Hema Mathivanan, School Librarian, Peak School*



Visit Formats and Booking Information

Visit Formats

Single Presentation

One 45–50 minute presentation for one grade level or assembly group.

Half-Day Visit

Two presentations or one presentation plus one workshop.

Full-Day Visit

Up to three presentations or a combination of presentations, workshops, book signing, and informal student Q&A.

Best For

Young Readers

Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten, early literacy events, family literacy nights

Elementary & Middle School

School libraries, assemblies, graphic novel celebrations, mythology and storytelling units

Creative Classes

Writing classes, art classes, comics workshops

Community Programs

Career days, literary events, festivals, AAPI Heritage Month programs

Rates

Rates vary depending on location, number of presentations, workshop format, travel, and event needs. Please contact Maple at maplelam@gmail.com for current rates and availability.

Book Orders and Signing

Schools are welcome to coordinate book orders before the visit so students can have books signed on the day of the event. Maple is happy to work with schools, PTAs, libraries, and local independent bookstores to make the process as smooth as possible.

For Southern California schools, Maple can recommend independent bookstore partners for ordering and event support.

Before the visit, students may:

- Read or preview one of Maple's books
- Look at examples of graphic novels and picture books
- Prepare questions about writing, drawing, revision, publishing, or mythology
- Create a character or story idea they want to develop



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**Thank you.
I'd love to visit your school!**