

# Danielle Davis

## Middle Grade

### Author Visit Guide

#### AUTHOR VISIT OPTIONS (GRADES 4-6)

**Single presentation** (45-60 min.)

or

**Half day** (any 3 presentations of your choice; approx. 3 hours)

1. Large group presentation (approx. 45-60 minutes):

**BEE YOURSELF, BEE CREATIVE, CONNECT.**

Explores bees, yarnbombing, and the nature of the writing—or any—creative method. A talk that inspires self-expression as well as process and revision.

(Projector and screen required.)

2. Classroom or small group interactive workshop (approx. 45-60 minutes.)

**Writing Action: “Oh no!” or “Oh yeah!” moments** + revision activity. (Projector and screen required.)

3. Classroom or small group interactive workshop (approx. 45-60 minutes).

**Writing Character** + revision activity. (Projector and screen required.)

4. **Q & A** with classroom or small group.

Optional additions: I can lead a simple **pom pom craft** for a small group, and we can yarn bomb something together or I can attend a **lunch Q&A** with students. (30 minutes.)

#### About the book:

Zinnia’s yarn bomb flops.

Her older brother (aka best friend and yarn bombing accomplice) leaves without a word.

And then the worst ever of worst evers:  
BEES. IN. HER. HAIR.

Zinnia and the Bees is the story of a 12-year old knitter and yarn bomber and the colony of honeybees who mistakes her hair for a hive and lands on her head. Told from two perspectives, it’s about searching for home and learning to trust yourself and others no matter how out of control life might be.



“...decidedly offbeat and emotionally true.”

—Kirkus

“...Davis does an excellent job crafting human characters who are varied in their emotions and grow in awareness.”

—School Library Journal

This [is a]

fascinating and unusual look at family, friendships, and insects...”

—Booklist

#### About the author:

Danielle Davis grew up in Singapore and Hong Kong and currently lives in Los Angeles. She has an M.A. in literature and creative writing and has had the privilege of teaching English to middle school and community college students. Now, she reads and writes and enjoys volunteering with literacy organizations. She also blogs at [www.thispicturebooklife.com](http://www.thispicturebooklife.com).

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