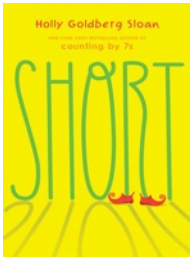


Holly Goldberg Sloan

Author Visit to
Highland School

Tuesday, January 31
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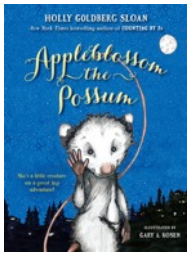


In this heartwarming and funny middle-grade novel by the New York Times bestselling author of *Counting by 7s*, Julia grows into herself while playing a Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*. Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer run of *The Wizard of Oz*, she'll realize how big she is inside, where it counts. Bubbling over with humor and tenderness, this is an irresistible story of self-discovery and of the role models who forever change us.

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now.



Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. The triumph of this book is that it is not a tragedy. This extraordinarily odd, but extraordinarily endearing, girl manages to push through her grief. Her journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family is a joy and a revelation to read.



Mama has trained up her baby possums in the ways of their breed, and now it's time for all of them—even little Appleblossom—to make their way in the world. Appleblossom knows the rules: she must never be seen during the day, and she must avoid cars, humans, and the dreaded

hairies (sometimes known as dogs). Even so, Appleblossom decides to spy on a human family—and accidentally falls down their chimney! The curious Appleblossom, her faithful brothers—who launch a hilarious rescue mission—and even the little girl in the house have no idea how fascinating the big world can be. But they're about to find out!

We are delighted to announce that New York Times bestselling children's author Holly Goldberg Sloan will visit Highland School on Tuesday, January 31, to discuss her new book, *SHORT* as well as other titles. The author will be speaking to students in grades 3 - 5.

An author visit is a wonderful opportunity for young readers to meet the creators of the books they read, and we have arranged for both students and teachers to purchase autographed copies of their books. Please consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of an autographed book.

About the Author

Holly Goldberg Sloan was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan and spent her childhood living in Holland, Istanbul, Turkey, Washington DC, Berkeley, California and Eugene, Oregon.



After graduating from Wellesley College and spending some time as an advertising copywriter, she began writing and directing family feature films, including *Angels in the Outfield* and *Made in America*.

Counting by 7s, her first middle-grade novel, was a New York Times Bestseller. The mother of two sons, Holly lives with her husband in Santa Monica, California.

Order Deadline: Tuesday, January 17

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