



MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Cindy Savage

FICTION:

Just Between Sisters, Willowisp Press

The Great Boyfriend Disaster,
Willowisp Press

Forever Friends Club, Willowisp Press

Caught in the Act, Willowisp Press

And many more.

NONFICTION:

*How to Write a Novel for Young
Readers and Get it Published*,
Romantic Times Publishing

The World Ambassador Program,
Bestway Books, Shanghai, China

And many more.

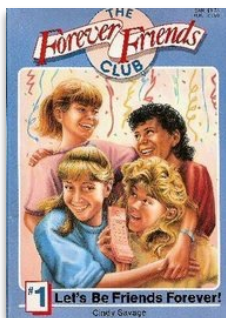
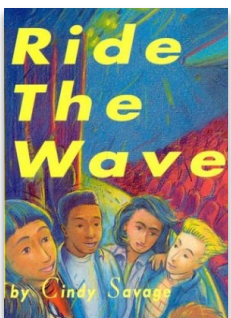
"Writing is a step-by-step process," says Cindy Savage, an author, teacher, and mother of six children. "I like to make the analogy that although many people play musical instruments, they didn't just wake up one morning as virtuosos. They practiced and honed their craft. They studied and practiced some more. Writing works the same way. I want my students to know that I didn't just wake up one morning and write a publishable book. It took lots of hard work and practice."

On the other hand, Ms. Savage did wake up one morning after her third child was born and decide that she could write a better story than the one she was reading. And she did. "I called the editor of a local magazine, introduced myself, and asked if there was any work I could do for them. At first they said no, but I kept after them, and eventually, I submitted an article entitled 'Dress for Success.' That got my foot in the door and gave me some leverage."

Since then, "Dress for Success" has been joined by more than 300 stories and articles and over 40 books. Willowisp Press has published 24 of her books, including her Forever Friends Club series and numerous boys' and girls' adventures for middle-grade and high school readers.

Ms. Savage has written for the book fair market, the trade, packagers, religious publishing houses and textbook companies. Among her publishers are HarperCollins, Scholastic, Bantam, One World, 9-Facets and Whitman, and some of her credits include The World Ambassador Program (Bestway Books, Shanghai, China), The Spirit Journey Trilogy (9 Facets Publishing), and Travel in the Way of God (9 Facets).

Most recently, Cindy has been living in China and India. After completing a K-8 textbook series called Winners' Village in the U.S., she moved to China and created The World Ambassador Program, a K-12 ESL textbook series focusing on cultural awareness and virtues, as well as an online writing curriculum called Better Writing Right Away.



"The only difference between a would-be writer and an author is practice and persistence. So take out your pen, put it on paper, and let the words flow."

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On to India, she developed the Moral Capabilities Program for university students and continues to train teachers, edit and write academic journals, including the Mentors' Energizer, a monthly magazine for teachers.

Cindy Savage earned a bachelor's degree and teaching credentials in Spanish, Ethnic Studies and Biology and a master's degree in education with emphasis in curriculum design. She has taught all grade levels, served as a principal and currently directs the World Ambassador Program serving over 8,000 students. In her spare time, she zooms around the U.S. and Canada in her motorhome giving book talks and workshops.

"I enjoy writing anything, whether it's ad copy, a YA romance novel, or a textbook," she says. "To sit around, wearing whatever you want, in your own home, and write about fun stuff—like the best times in your life or all the things you did wrong when you were a kid—and get paid for it."