

Judy Dodge Cummings



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Judy Dodge Cummings is the author of 20 nonfiction books for children and teens. Her most recent titles are several narrative nonfiction books in the Mayhem & Mystery series. These include *Tomb Raiders: Real Tales of Grave Robberies*; *Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water: Real Tales of Temperamental Elements*; *Pandemics and Epidemics: Real Tales of Deadly Diseases*; *Eruptions and Explosions: Real Tales of Violent Outbursts*; *Rebels and Revolutions: Real Tales of Radical Change in America*; and *Great Escapes: Real Tales of Harrowing Getaways*.

Judy also writes activity-based nonfiction, books that both narrate events and engage readers in problem solving and historical inquiry activities. Judy's "active nonfiction" include *American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence*; *The Underground Railroad: Navigate the Journey from Slavery to Freedom*; *Human Migration: Investigate the Global Journey of Humankind*; *The Civil War: The Struggle that Divided America*; and, scheduled for release in spring 2019, *Immigration Nation: The American Identity in the Twentieth-first Century*,

A veteran high school social studies teacher, Judy's passion is history. After teaching for 26 years, she earned an MFA in Creative Writing for Children from Hamline University and began to write the history she so loves to teach. Her goal is to write books that transport young readers back in time.

Judy visits school and libraries, conducting interactive assemblies designed to encourage young people to read, research, write, and revise. She wants youth to appreciate just how cool and important history is. She also offers workshops for adult writers including "Time Travel Tips for Historical Nonfiction Writers" and "Let's Play at Writing."

Judy lives in southcentral Wisconsin with her husband, two cats, and lots of books. In her spare time, she is inventing a time machine. The scheduled test run is April 1, 2050. 🤖